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# THE STORY SO FAR

21st century Neo-Tokyo stands on the ashes of Tokyo, destroyed four decades earlier by the mind of a child — the mind of Akira. Subject of a military project gone horribly wrong, Akira was placed in cryogenic hibernation after the holocaust until his infinite powers could be harnessed. The other survivors of "The Project," formidable psychics withering away in children's bodies, know that one day Akira will awaken.

Enter Tetsuo, an angry young member of a motorcycle gang led by his friend Kaneda. A violent accident sets off within Tetsuo dormant psychokinetic abilities that grow rapidly, as do a raging headache and a virulent madness. Tetsuo soon explodes in a psychic killing spree against friend and foe, turning Kaneda from blood-brother to mortal enemy. Tetsuo has not gone unnoticed by The Project's leader, the mysterious Colonel, who uses a super-drug to quell Tetsuo's agony while stimulating his powers and bringing Tetsuo under his thrall. But Tetsuo soon grows beyond the control of the Colonel and his psychics — Takashi, Masaru, and Kiyoko — and Tetsuo's discovery of Akira's existence fomented within him the urge to confront the child super-being.

Avengeful Kaneda allies with a resistance group, including the beautiful Kei and her partner Ryu, in an attempt to kill Tetsuo and infiltrate the secret subterranean lab that houses the sleeping Akira. They enter the facility and find Tetsuo in combat with the Colonel's security forces. Tetsuo's psychic vibrations stir Akira, and the child emerges from his frozen prison. Tetsuo helps the bewildered child to the surface, but the frantic Colonel orders the gigantic laser cannon of the military satellite SOL to fire on Tetsuo and Akira. Tetsuo's arm is shredded, and the two become separated in the mayhem. Tetsuo disappears, but Kaneda and Kei find Akira and take him to safety.

A state of emergency blankets Neo-Tokyo as the population heads for shelter, the streets quarantined by military patrols and Caretaker robot sentries. Kaneda and Kei — along with Chiyoiko, a powerful woman of the resistance — bring Akira to a yacht for safekeeping, but the duplicitous resistance leader, Nezu, takes Akira to use as a weapon against the government and orders the three killed. Chiyoiko fights their

way to freedom, and they invade Nezu's home and recapture Akira. The Colonel's forces eventually corner Akira, who for the first time in decades sees Masaru, Kiyoko, and Takashi. The reunion is cut short by Nezu, who in trying to kill Akira rather than let him fall into government hands, shoots Takashi, whose death triggers Akira's power. A titanic psychic wave surges through Neo-Tokyo, and the citizenry struggle desperately to survive the cataclysm. As the destruction subsides, Akira sits alone at ground zero. A lone figure approaches him through the wreckage. It is Tetsuo!

From the flooded ruins rises the Great Tokyo Empire, a small army of crazed zealots focused around Akira's miracles but under the malefic control of Tetsuo. The Empire seals itself off from the world, but undercover agents from the outside arrive to assess the threat. The Empire plans to neutralize its most immediate enemies, the child psychics and Lady Miyako — an enigmatic religious figure and Project survivor — whose temple is a haven for refugees. Tetsuo begins feeding the super-drug to "volunteers." Most die, but a handful develop the Power and become Empire shock troops. The infiltrators are caught and executed by the new psychics, but one operative, Yamada, evades capture.

Kei, Chiyoiko, and Ryu have survived along with Masaru and Kiyoko, but Kaneda is nowhere to be found, assumed lost in the holocaust. Deprived of the super-drug, Masaru and Kiyoko are incapacitated, and Chiyoiko and Kei set out to enlist the aid of Miyako, who gives them the drug and instructs them to return with Masaru and Kiyoko. Meanwhile, Ryu observes Yamada's escape and leaves to investigate. He finds the agent and offers his assistance to Yamada, who makes a beeline for Akira's stronghold. With Ryu gone, Empire spies kidnap Masaru and Kiyoko. Chiyoiko and Kei return to find the children missing, and the two set off after their charges. They catch up to the Empire's soldiers and free Masaru, but Kiyoko's captors escape. Kei sets off for the Temple with Masaru while Chiyoiko, wounded in battle, goes after Kiyoko.

Tetsuo also gives the drug to young women for his pleasure and amusement. They die in agony, all but Kaori, who palms the drug. She becomes Tetsuo's companion and Akira's nanny. Tetsuo has a series of confusing visions, and he realizes his thoughts are being manipulated by Akira. Tetsuo confronts the child, who draws Tetsuo into his mind and teleports him back to his chambers. Tetsuo withdraws in terror, having seen too far into the thoughts of the psychic

colossus. He eventually comes to his senses and decides that Miyako might be of some use to him. He takes more drugs, kicking his power to new heights, and transports across space to Miyako's chamber. Miyako gives him the history of the Project and the revelation that the drug is designed to inhibit his psychic development. Only by going cold turkey will he become all he can — perhaps even a match for Akira. He leaves to contemplate his future.

Chiyoiko recaptures Kiyoko but is trapped and further injured after narrowly escaping one of Tetsuo's newly bred psychics. Facing almost certain capture, the two are rescued by the Colonel, who takes them back to a still-intact facility manned by a scientist stricken with nicotine withdrawal. Kiyoko reveals that Masaru is in Miyako's temple, and the Colonel places her inside a Caretaker robot and begins the arduous journey through the rubble to the temple. He takes with him a special miniature targeting device for the super-laser of SOL.

Tetsuo begins his agonizing withdrawal. Tetsuo's lieutenant, upon discovering that Masaru has reached safety in Miyako's shrine, is unable to get through to his anguished master and takes matters into his own hands by organizing an assault on the temple. Many innocent refugees and monks are killed, but the attack is eventually repelled, partially by the psychic skills of the temple's priests and finally by Kei taking Tetsuo's lieutenant hostage. She eventually lets him go, but he vows to return.

Tetsuo appears to Ryu and Yamada and tells them that he has seen the American fleet not far from shore, ready to attack, but unwilling to get too close due to the power of Akira. Yamada tries to shoot Tetsuo, who easily stops him, and then he disappears as quickly as he appeared.

As the Colonel nears the Temple, a second attack by the Empire begins. Cornered, the Colonel prepares to unleash the power of SOL. Kei, Masaru, Miyako, and her monks retreat to the citadel of the temple as a final stronghold. At that moment, Tetsuo appears, half-mad with pain, demanding drugs from Miyako. As the superlaser of SOL ignites, Tetsuo rises howling into the air, unleashing his power and tossing wrecked skyscrapers about like so many toys. But Tetsuo goes on, transcending time and space, reliving his birth, and eventually arriving at Akira. Tetsuo falls to his knees before his master.

And in the vast wasteland of ruined Neo-Tokyo, Kaneda suddenly appears...



KANEDA



TETSUO



KEI



RYU



THE COLONEL



MASARU



KIYOKO



TETSUO'S AIDE



CHIYOIKO



LADY MIYAKO



KAORI



AKIRA

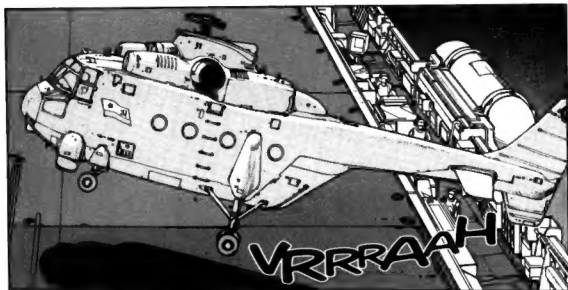
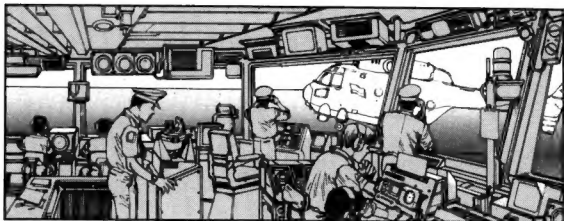


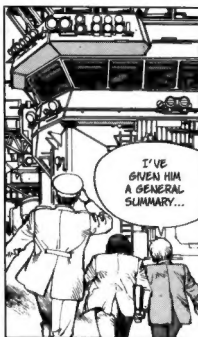
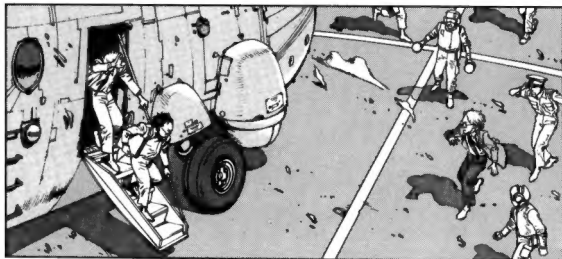


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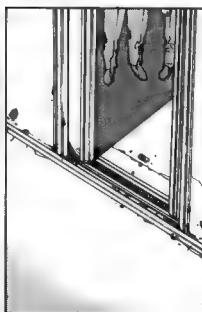


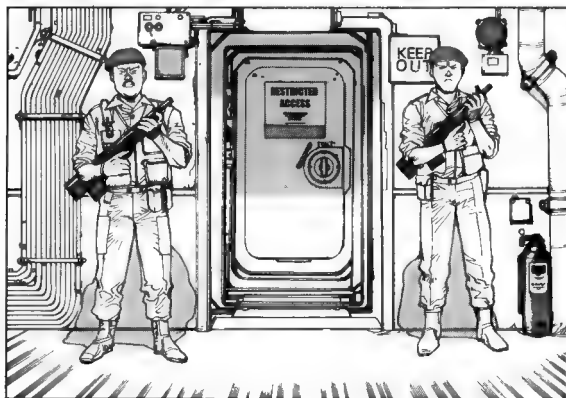
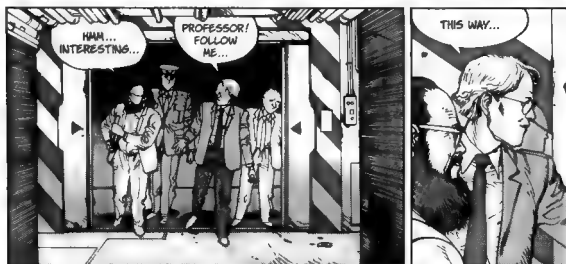




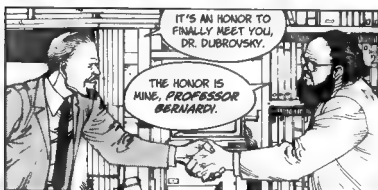


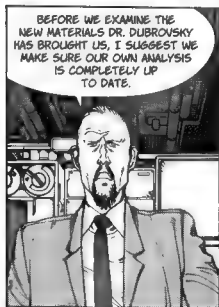


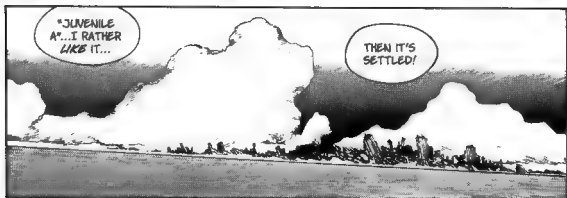
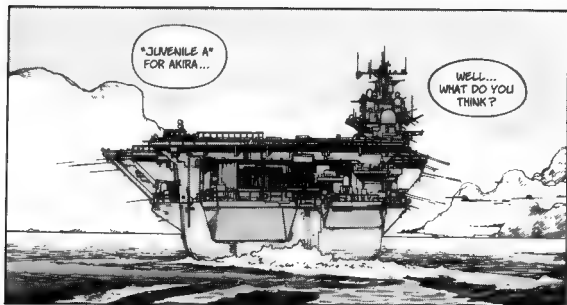


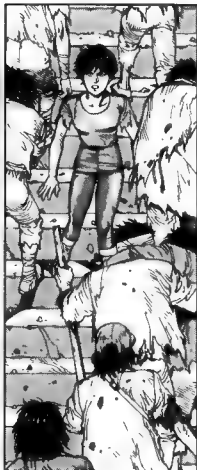




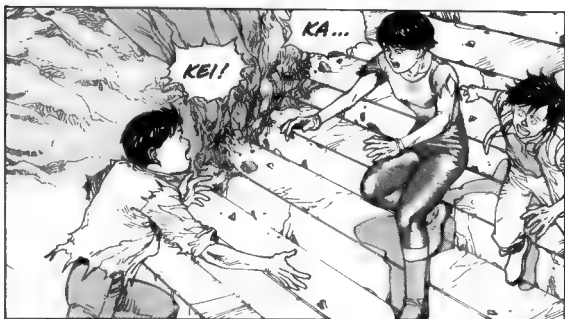
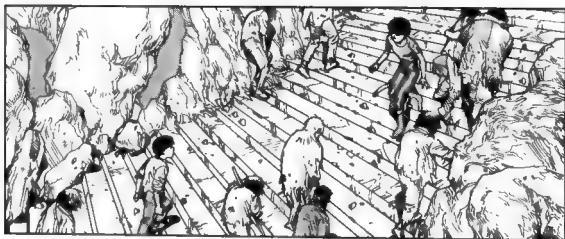


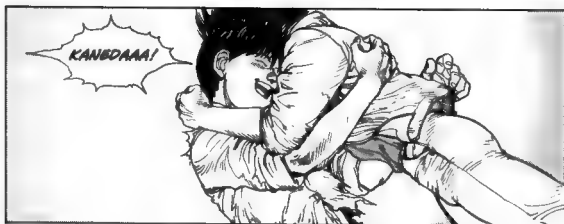




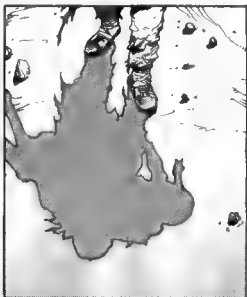












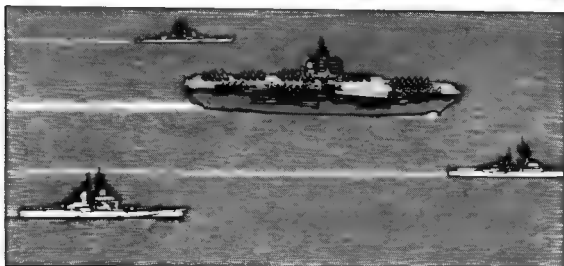
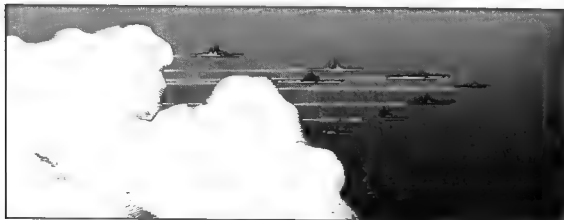
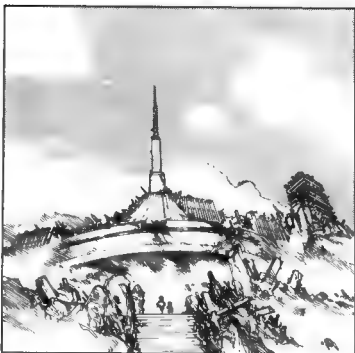


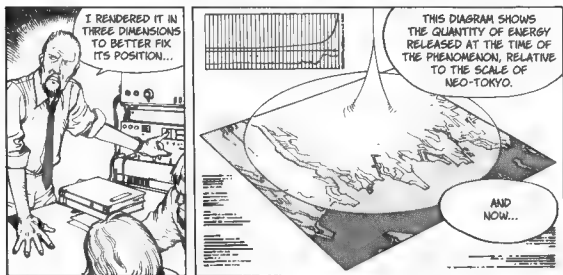
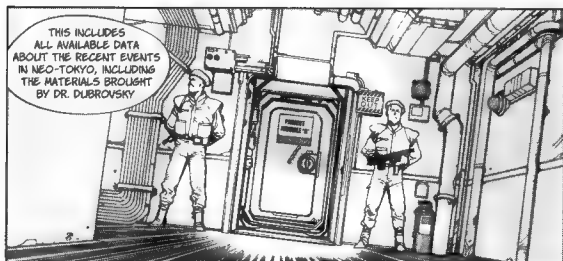


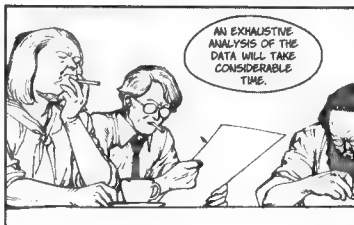
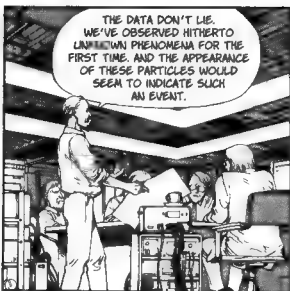
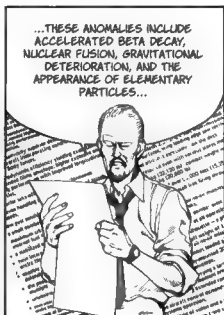


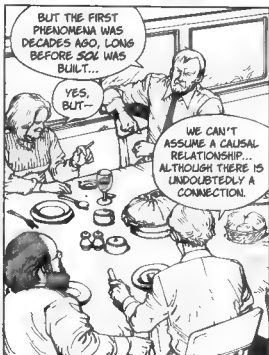
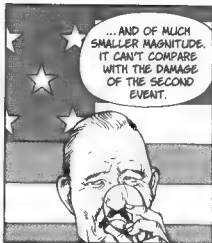
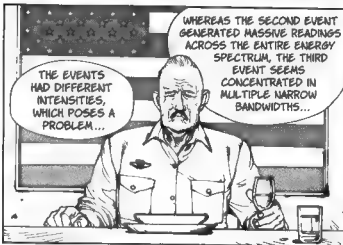
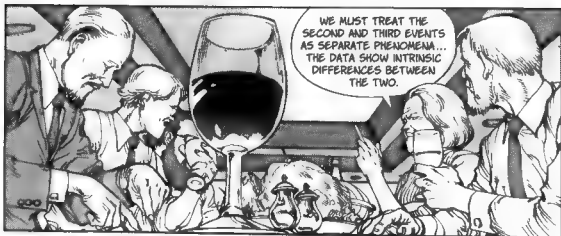


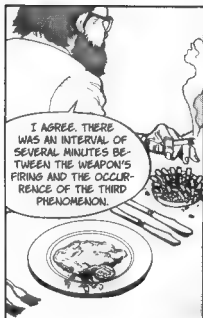








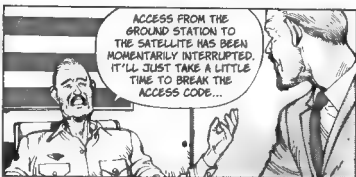




I AGREE. THERE WAS AN INTERVAL OF SEVERAL MINUTES BETWEEN THE WEAPON'S FIRING AND THE OCCURRENCE OF THE THIRD PHENOMENON.



BY THE WAY, ADMIRAL, WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF SOL?



ACCESS FROM THE GROUND STATION TO THE SATELLITE HAS BEEN MOMENTARILY INTERRUPTED. IT'LL JUST TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO BREAK THE ACCESS CODE...



I THINK WE'RE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE SOURCE OF THE THIRD EVENT WAS NOT AKIRA.



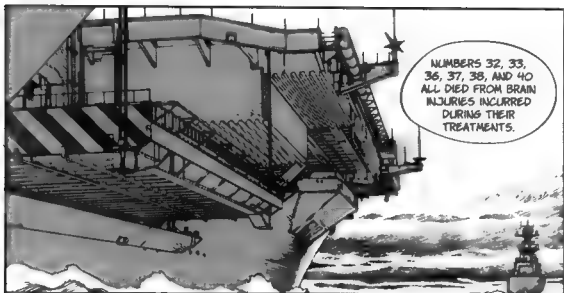
BUT ALL INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE REST OF THE CHILDREN IN THE ZO SERIES WERE HARMLESS.



JORRIS, ARE YOU SUGGESTING THIS WAS NOT A SECOND-GENERATION SUBJECT...?



RECORDS INDICATE THAT NUMBERS WERE REGISTERED ALL THE WAY UP TO 41...



NUMBERS 32, 33,  
36, 37, 38, AND 40  
ALL DIED FROM BRAIN  
INJURIES INCURRED  
DURING THEIR  
TREATMENTS.



...NUMBERS 34, 35,  
AND 39 WERE STILL IN  
THE SECRET LAB AT THE  
TIME OF THE SECOND  
PHENOMENON. WITH  
THE COLLAPSE OF  
NEO-TOKYO, THEY ARE  
LISTED AS MISSING.

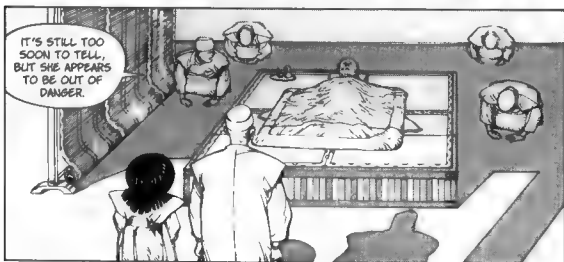
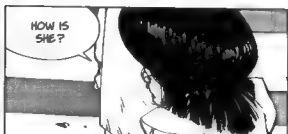
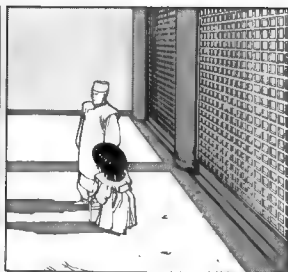
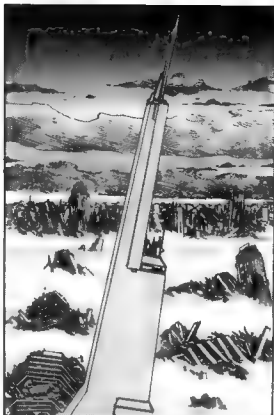


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41 IS REPORTED  
TO HAVE ESCAPED  
ON APRIL 16,  
2030...



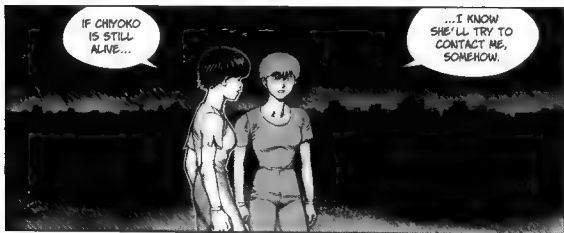
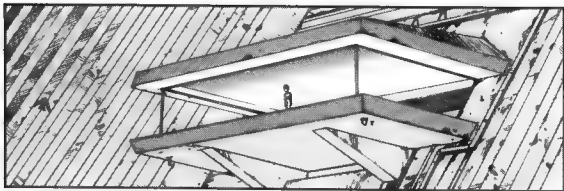
...THE SAME DAY THE  
SOL LASER CANNON WAS  
FIRED AT THE COMPLEX  
WHERE AKIRA WAS  
BEING HELD.

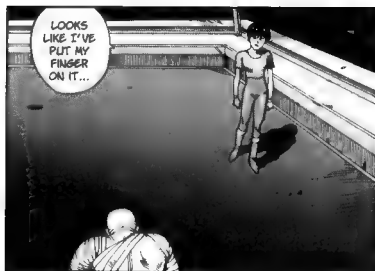


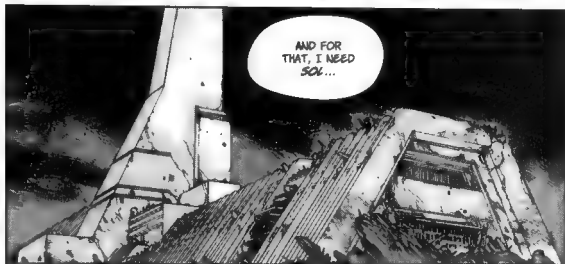
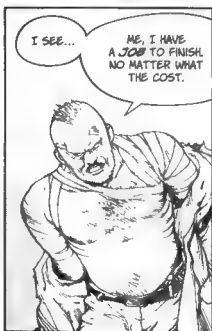




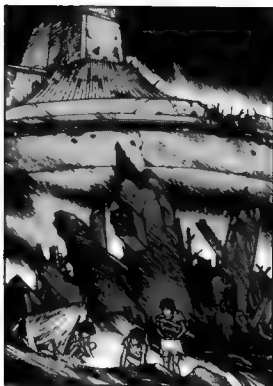












...THEN THEY  
SET UP THE  
GREAT TOKYO  
EMPIRE

HE STRUTS  
AROUND LIKE  
HE'S THE  
DIVAN!!!



WHAT HAPPENED  
TO THE KID--  
AKIRA?



NOW THAT YOU  
MENTION IT...HE'S  
THE ONE SUP-  
POSEDLY IN  
CHARGE...

...BUT NO  
ONE KNOWS  
MUCH ABOUT  
HIM



THOSE  
EMPIRE GUYS  
WORSHIP HIM...  
CALL HIM  
"LORD"...

ME, I THINK HE'S  
JUST A FIGUREHEAD.  
HE APPEARS TO RUN  
HIS EMPIRE WITHOUT  
SAYING A WORD...



...BUT  
ALL THE  
TIME...

...IT'S  
TETSUO  
GIVING THE  
ORDERS

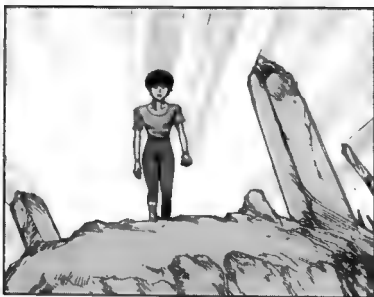


SHIT...  
TO THINK HE  
SURVIVED ALL  
THAT

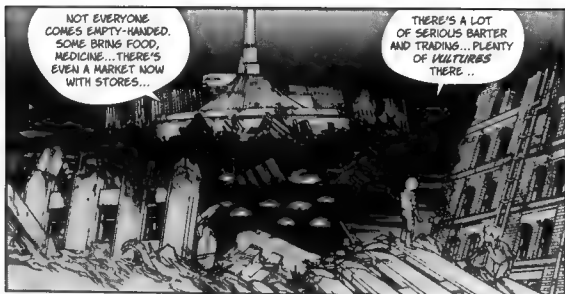
REALLY TEARING  
THE PLACE UP, AREN'T  
YOU, TETSUO? FOR A  
FLICKER WHO SHOULD  
BE DEAD BY NOW...

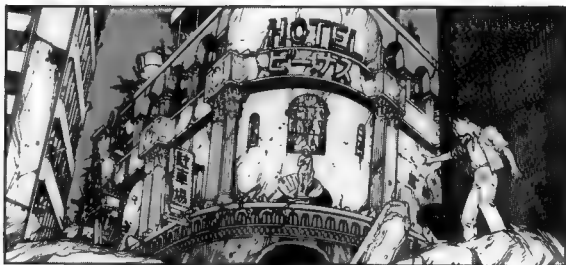


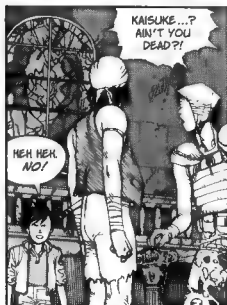
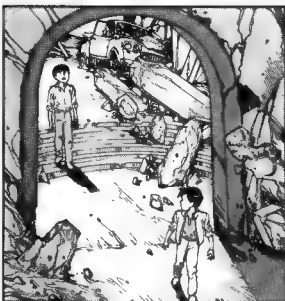














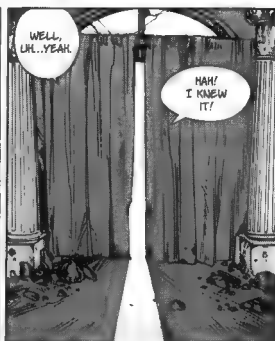


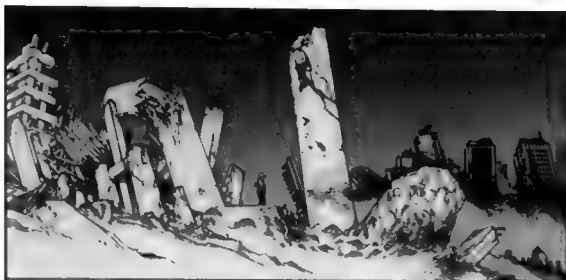
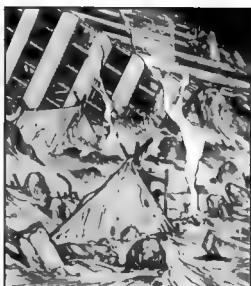
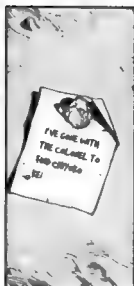
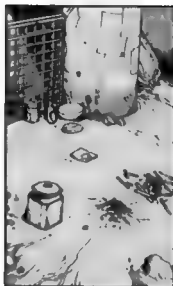
...BUT NOW, GUYS LIKE US HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER, Y'KNOW?

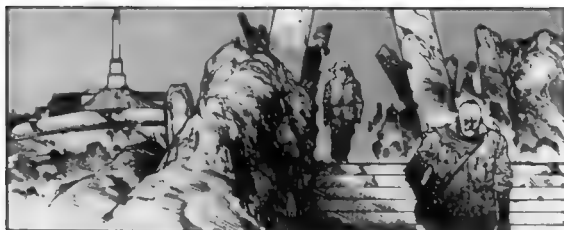
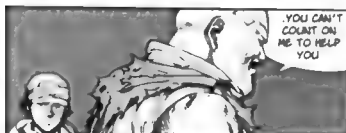
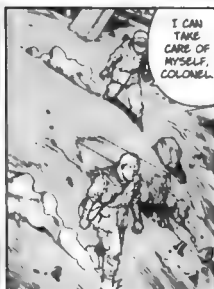


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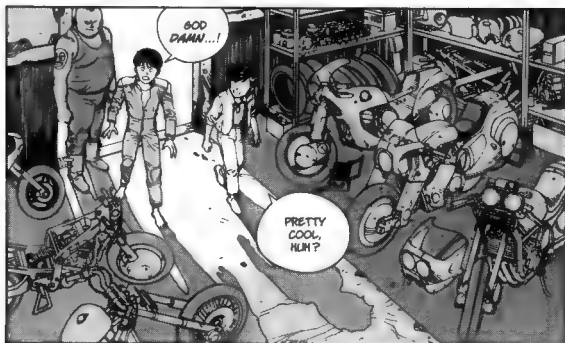


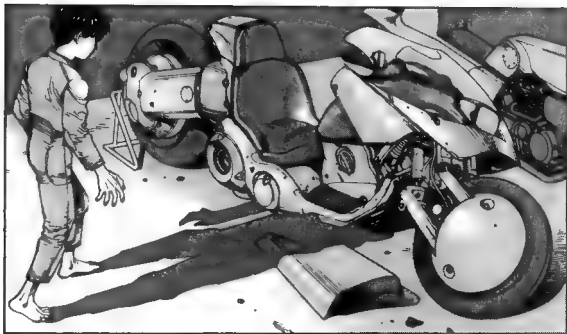
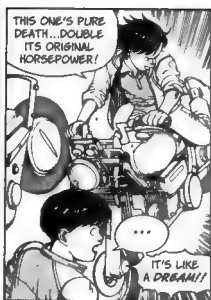


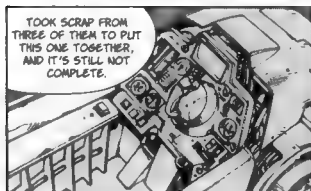
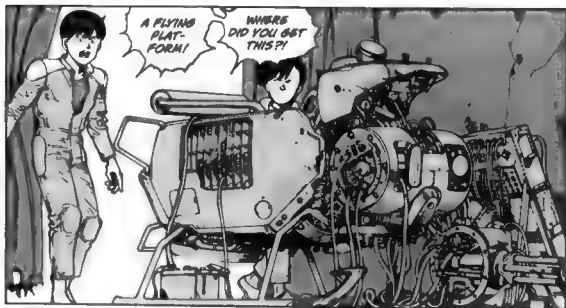


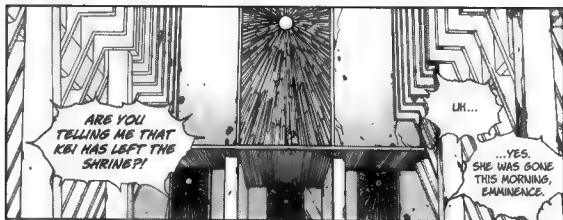






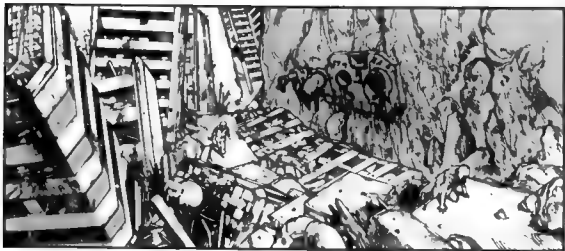


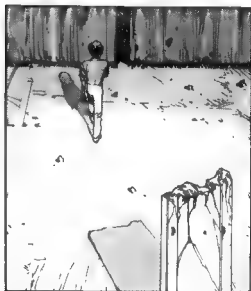
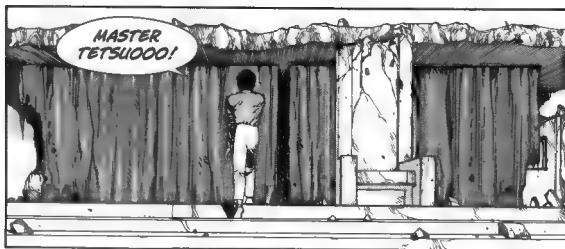




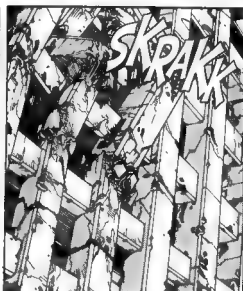
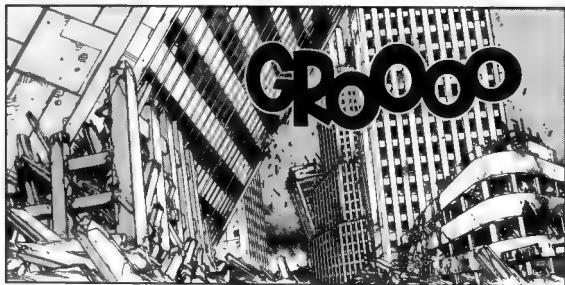


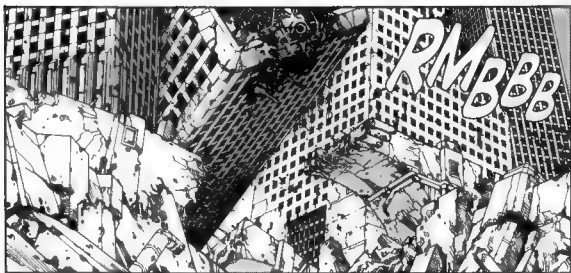
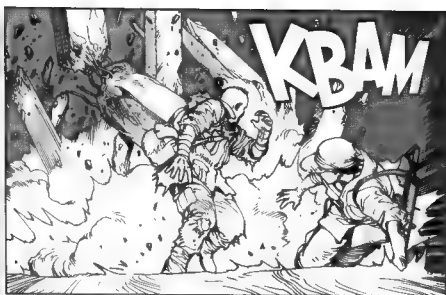








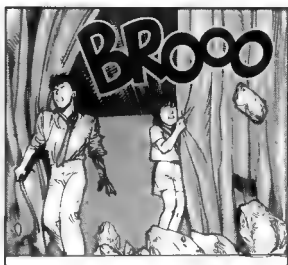
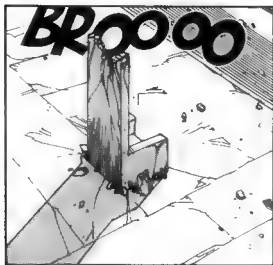
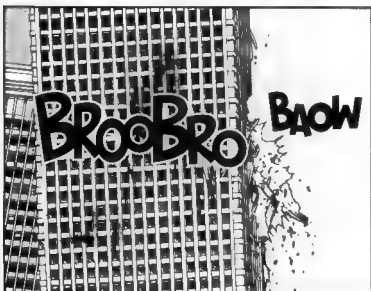


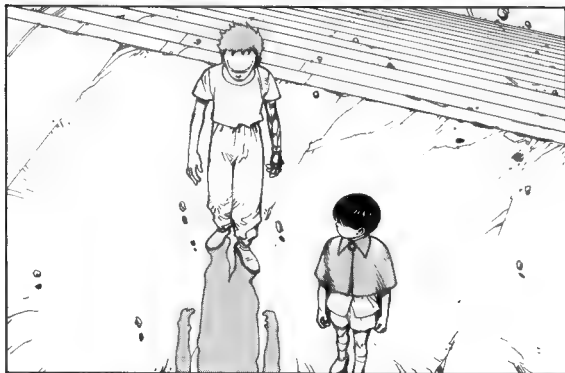


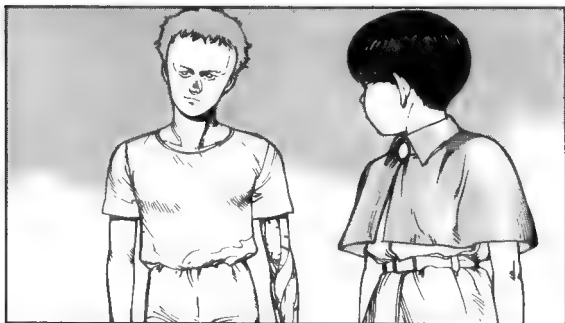




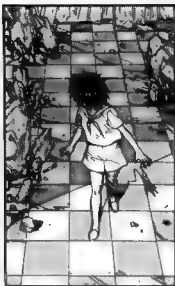
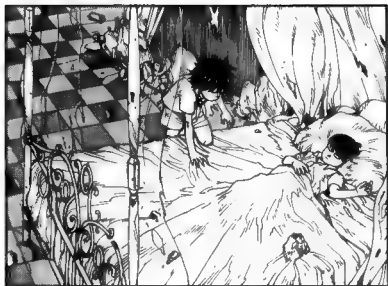


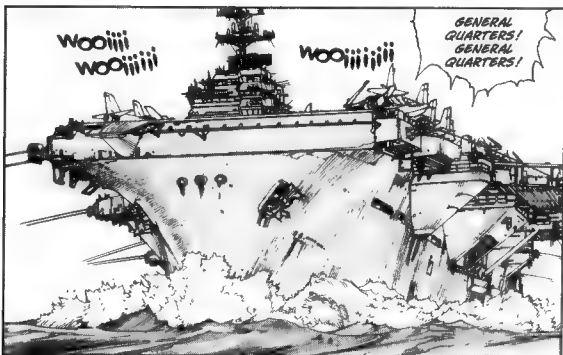
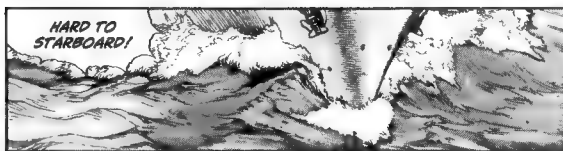


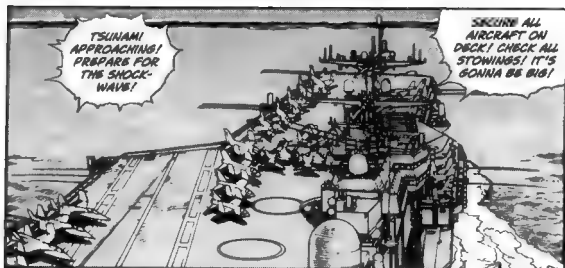






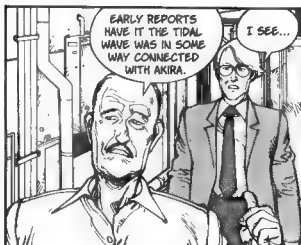
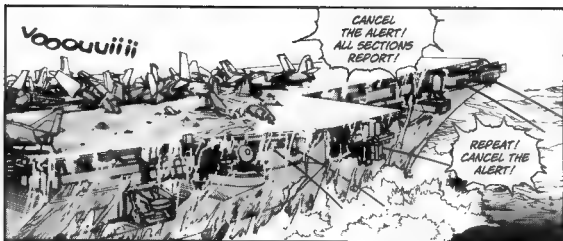


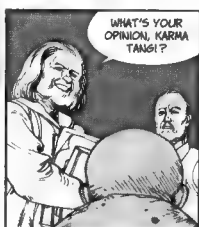
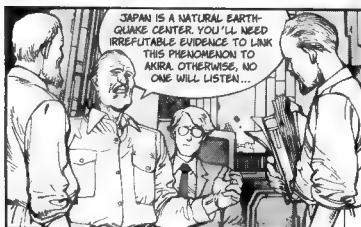
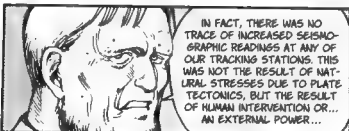
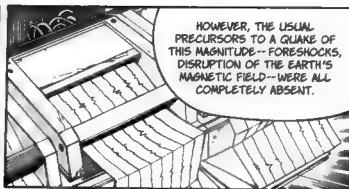




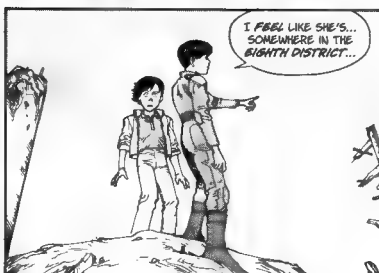
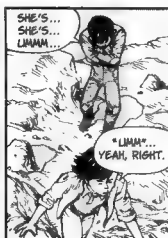








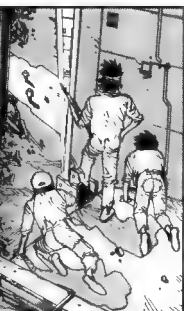
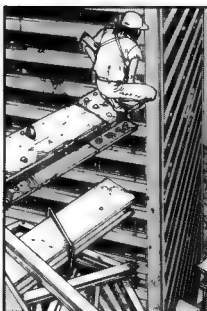


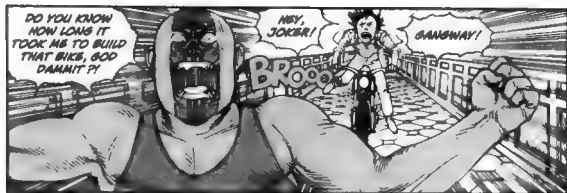


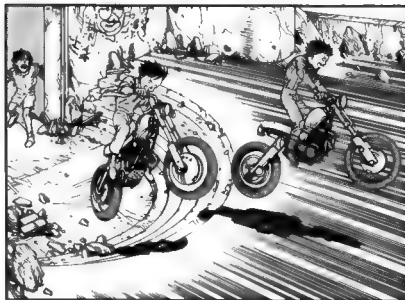


THEY ARE PASSING  
OUT OF THE EIGHTH  
DISTRICT AND ARE  
ABOUT TO INVADE  
OUR TERRITORY!

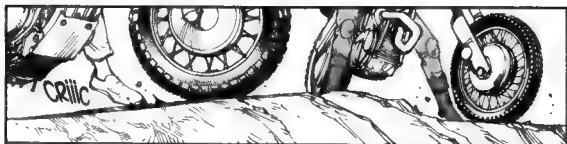
TAKE UP ARMS, MY  
BROTHERS! WITH ALL THE  
POWER OF THE GREAT  
TOKYO EMPIRE PROTECTING  
US, WE HAVE NOTHING  
TO FEAR!











WHAT  
A MESS...  
LOOKS LIKE  
SLOW GOING  
AHEAD.

I KNOW A  
SHORTCUT...

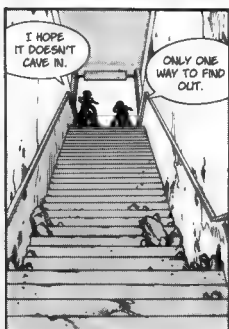


THIS WAY...  
FOLLOW ME!



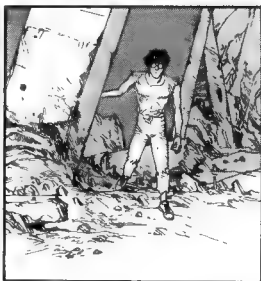
WE'RE  
TAKING THE  
SUBWAY?

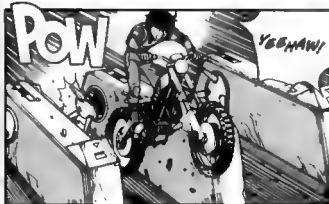
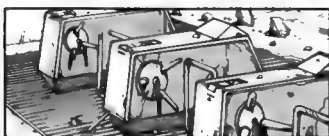
YUP.

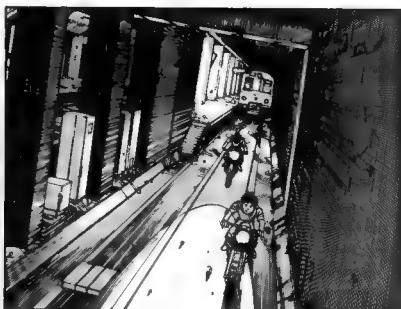
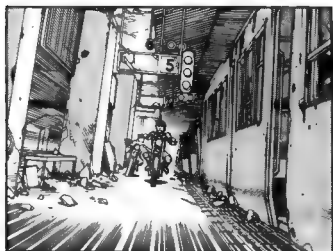
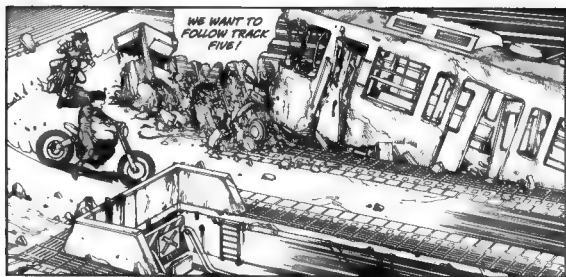


I HOPE  
IT DOESN'T  
CAVE IN.

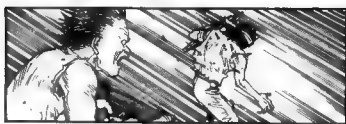
ONLY ONE  
WAY TO FIND  
OUT.

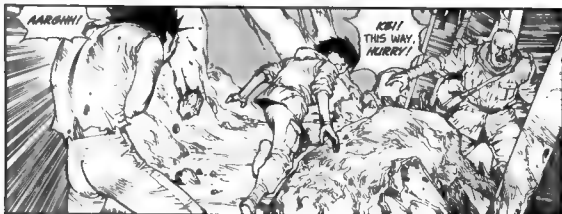


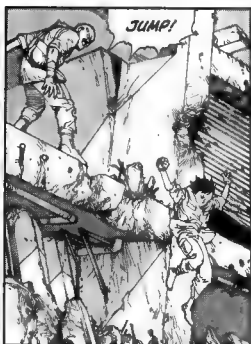




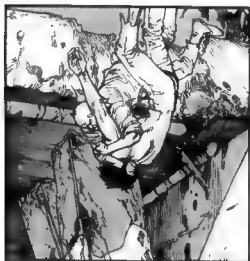


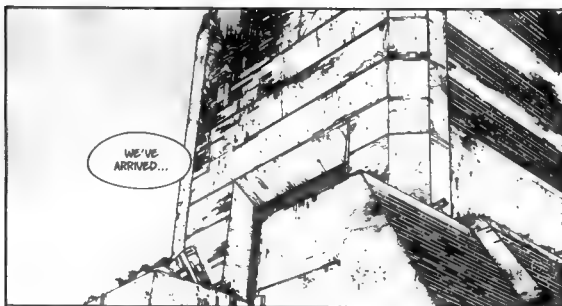




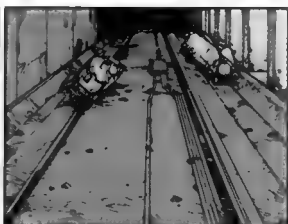
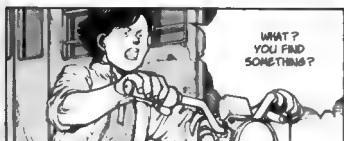




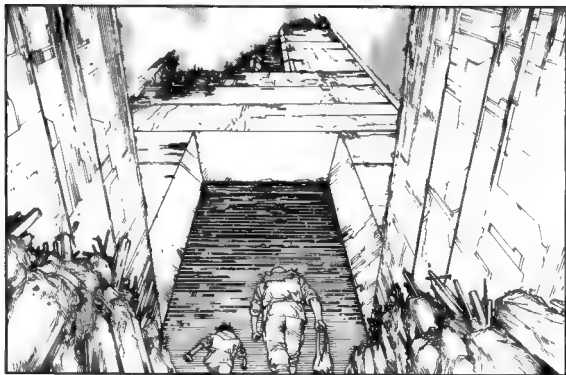
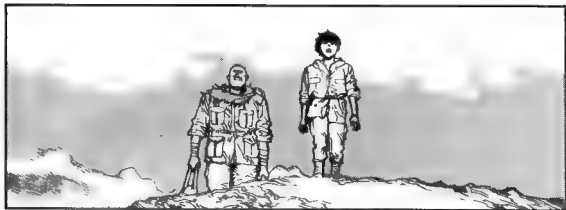


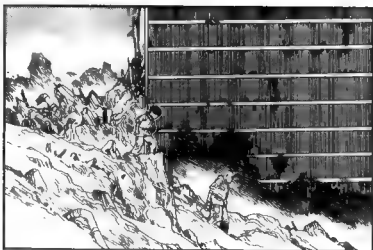






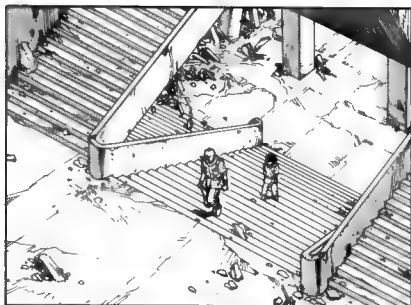




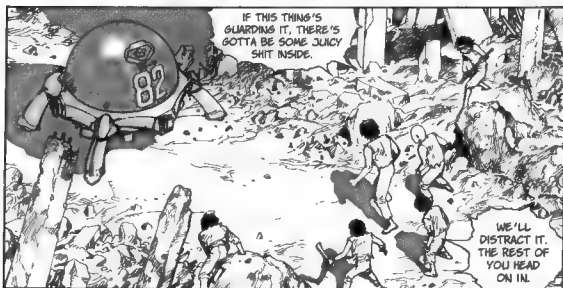


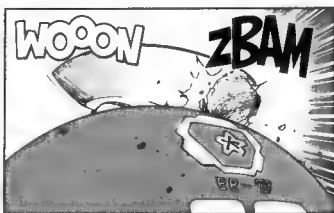
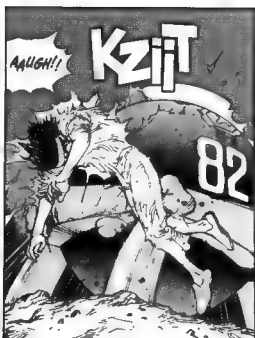






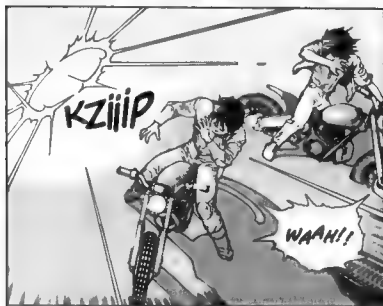
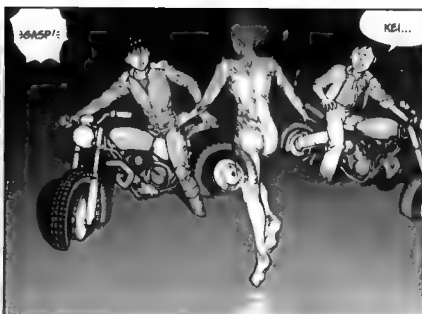


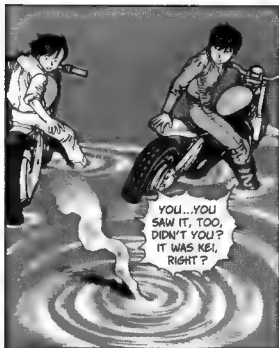




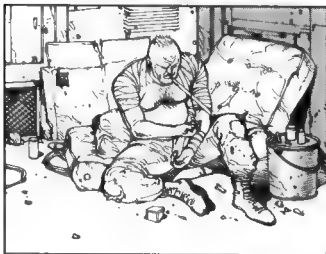


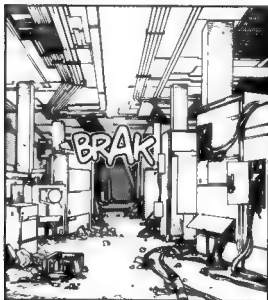


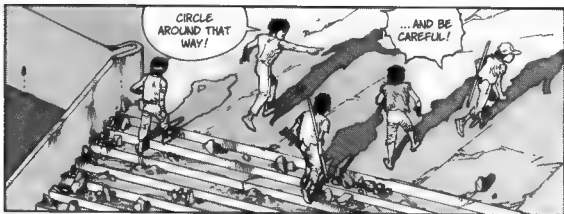


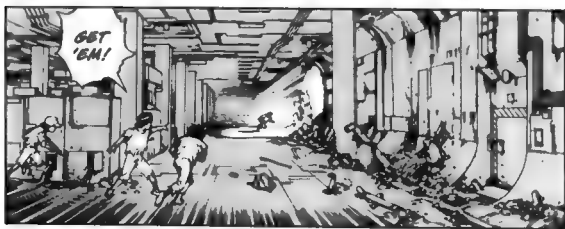






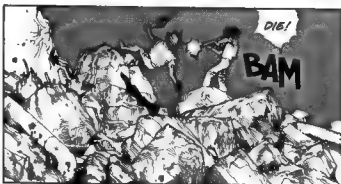
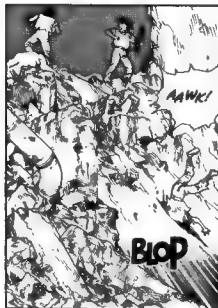


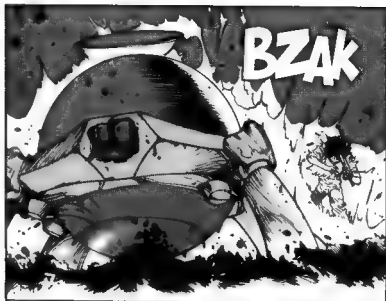




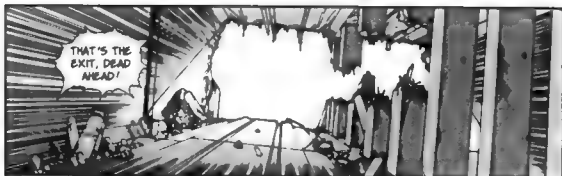




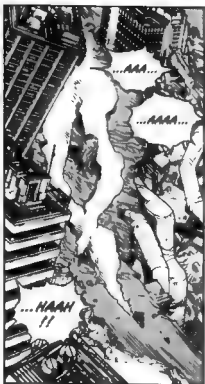
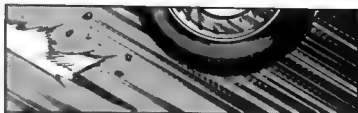
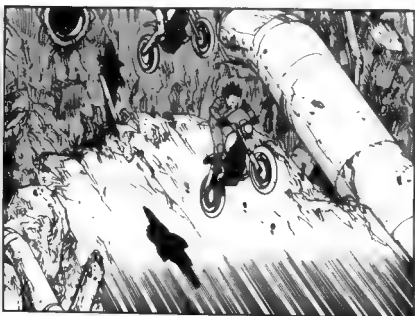


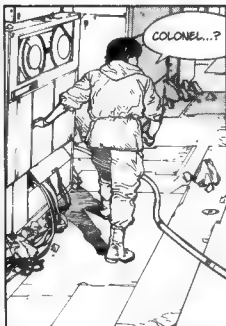


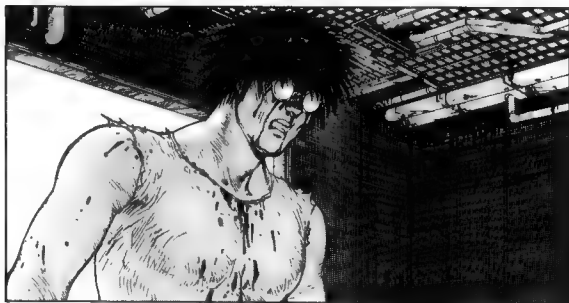
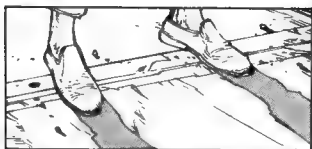
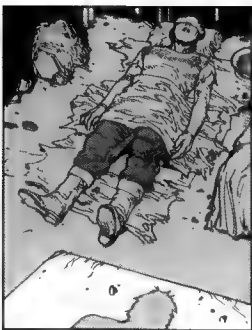




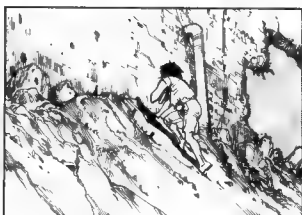






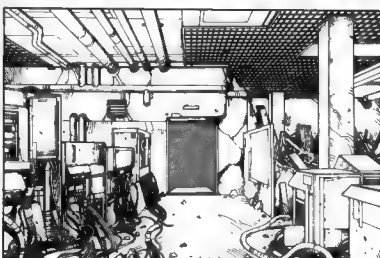


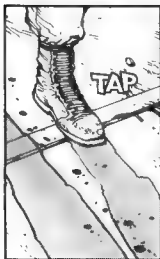


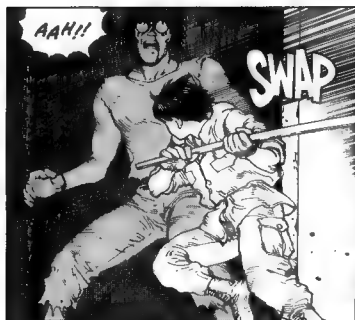


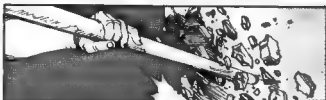




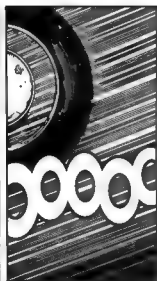
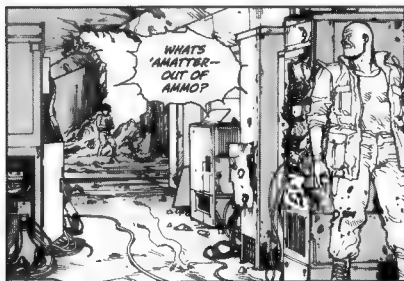


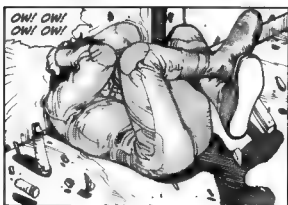


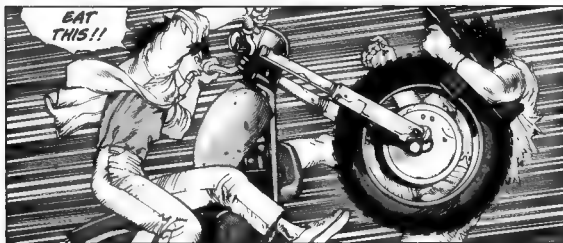




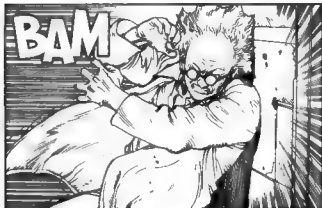












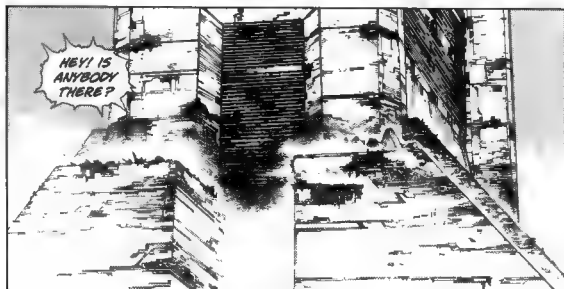
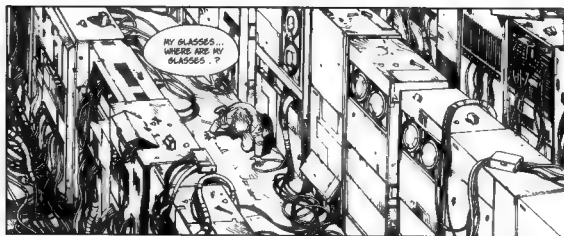


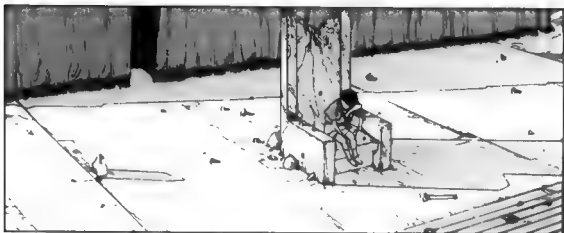
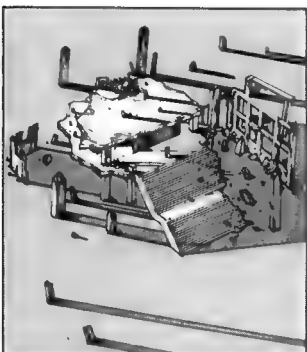




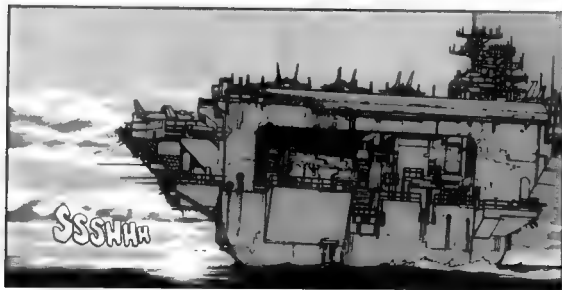
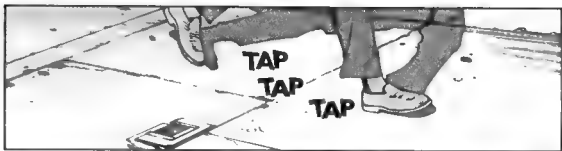
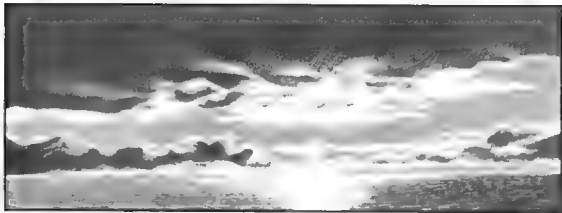




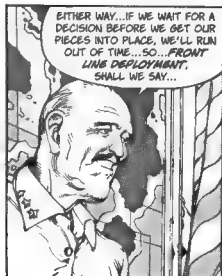
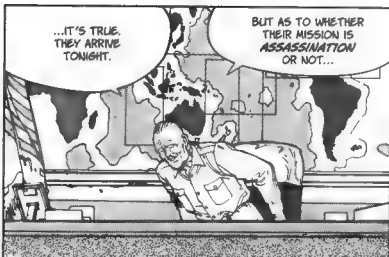






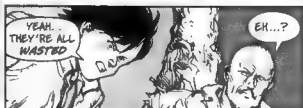
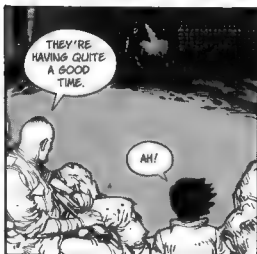




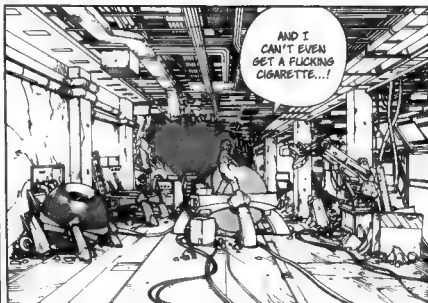




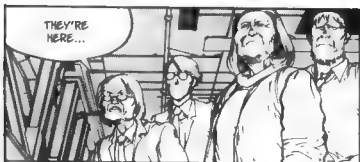
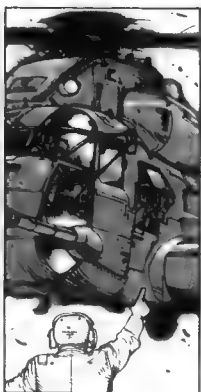
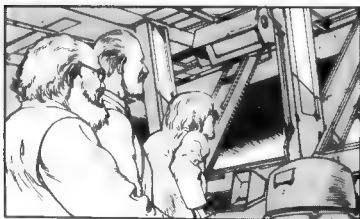
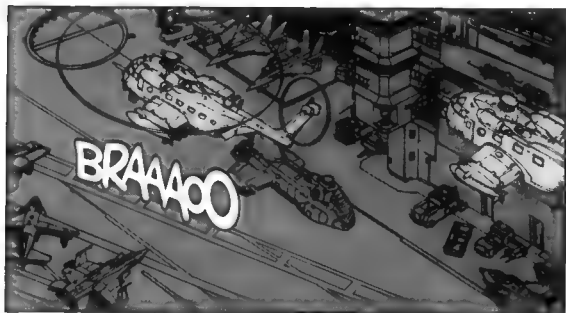
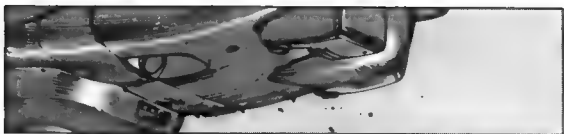


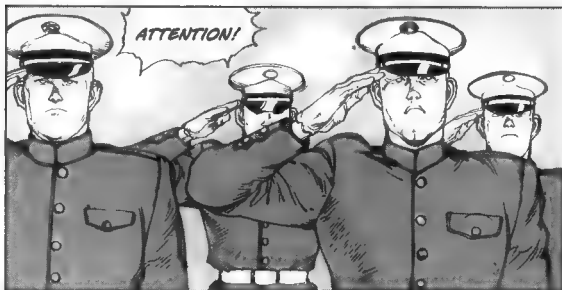
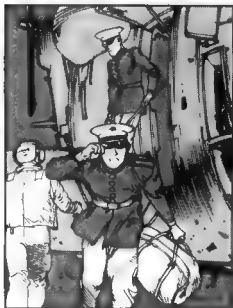
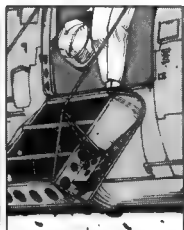




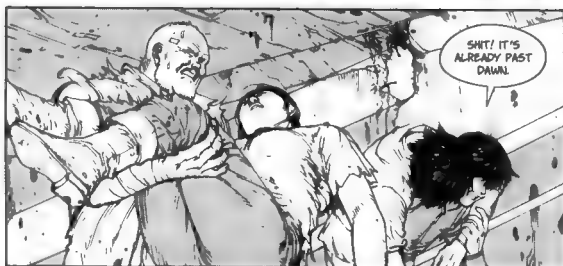
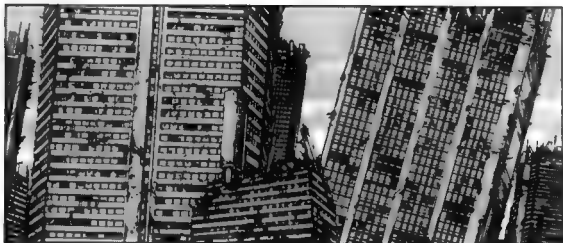


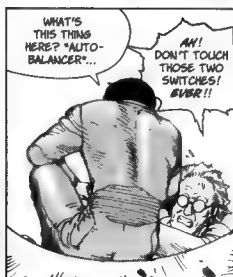
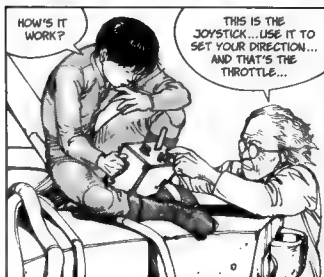
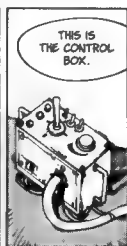




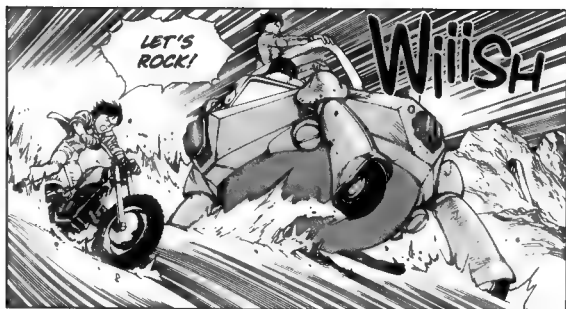


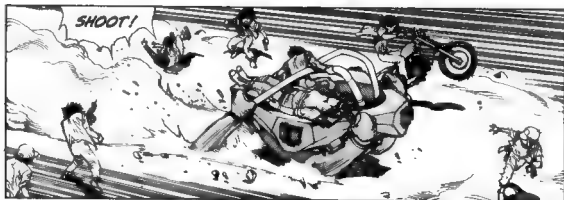




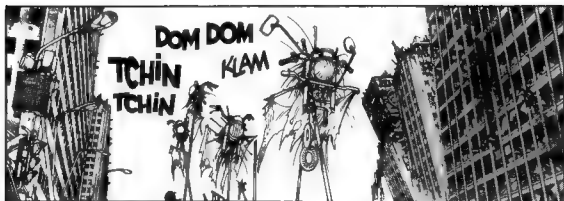




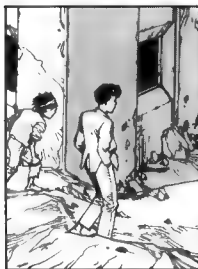


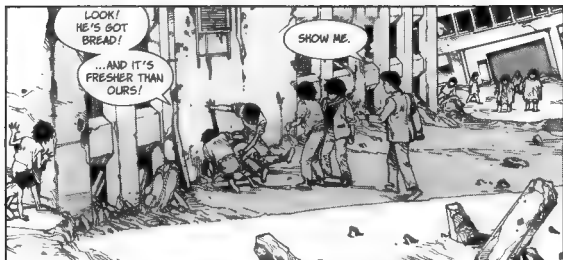


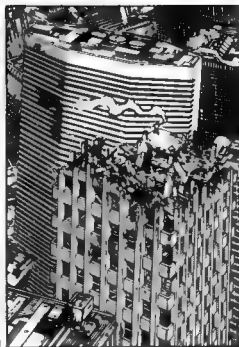




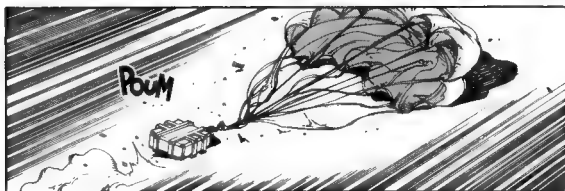
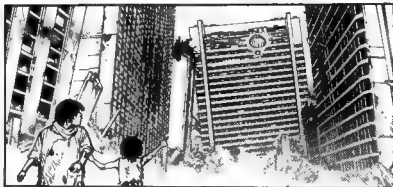
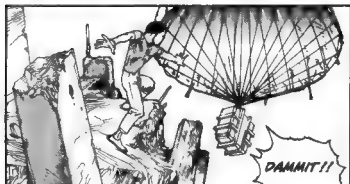


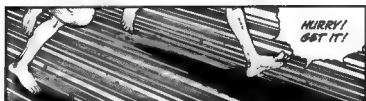




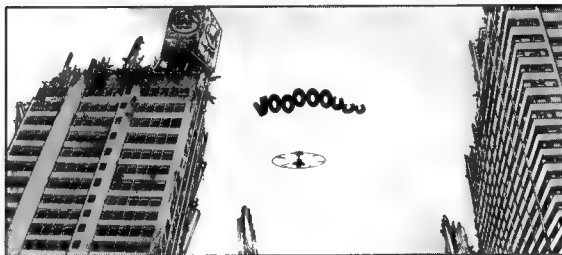
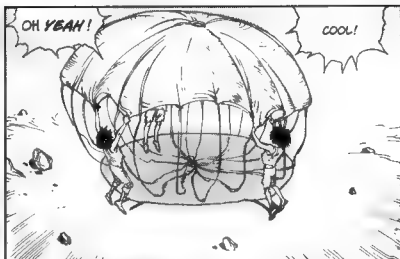


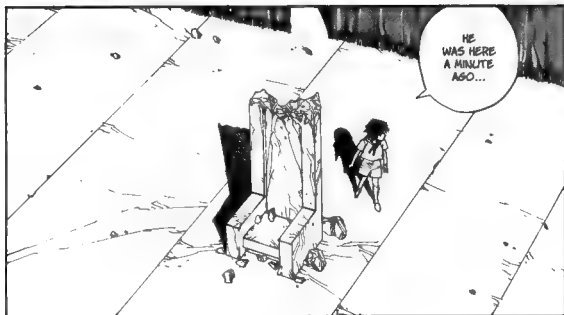
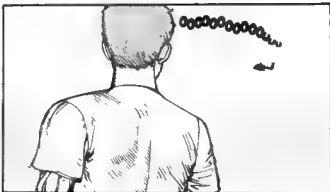
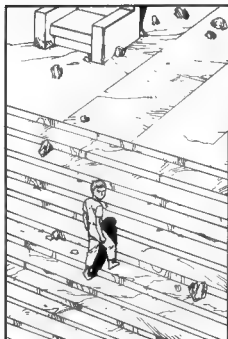


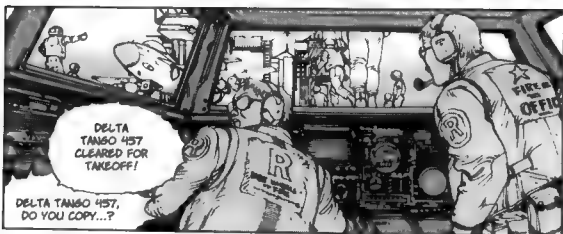
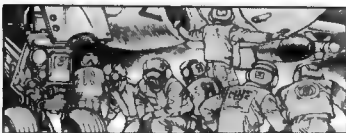
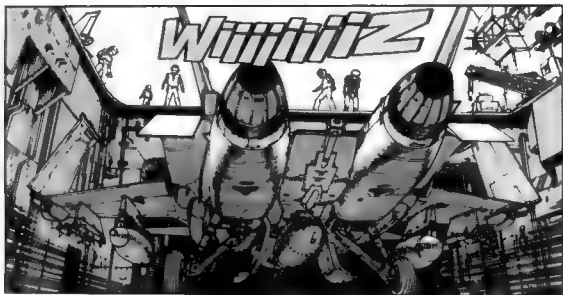


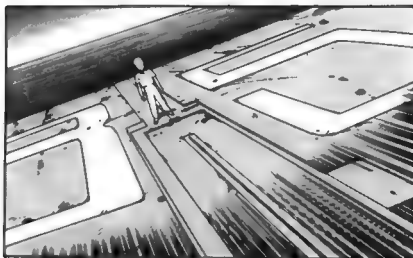
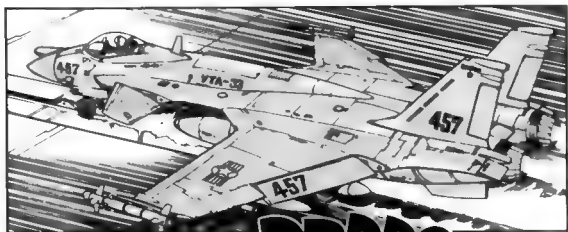
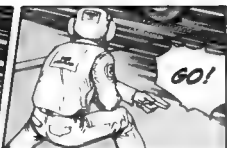


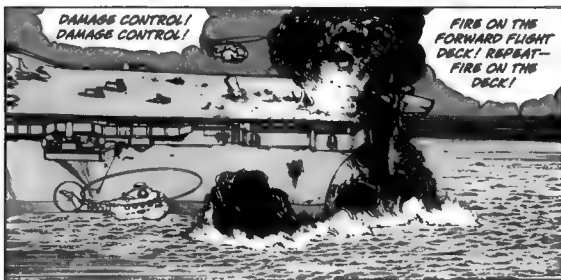
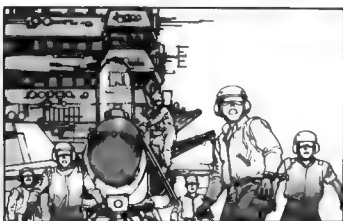
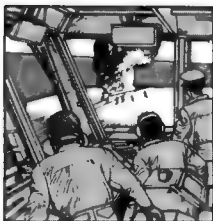




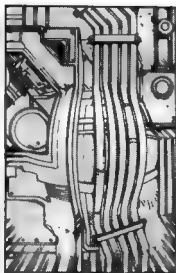


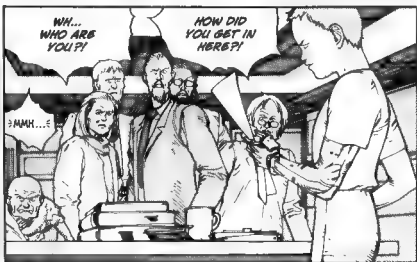
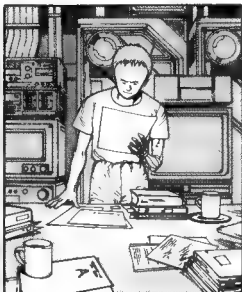




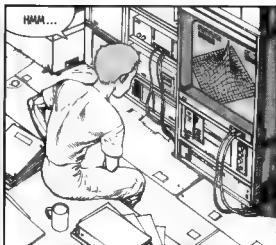
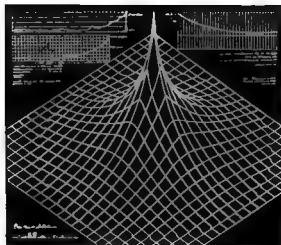


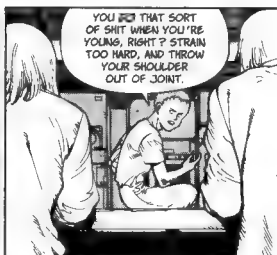
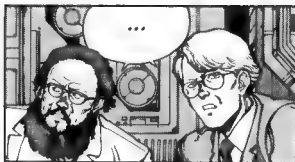


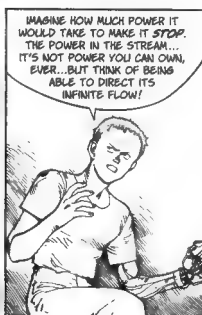
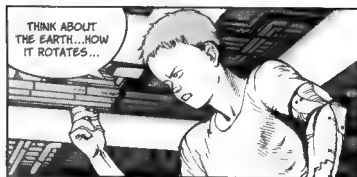






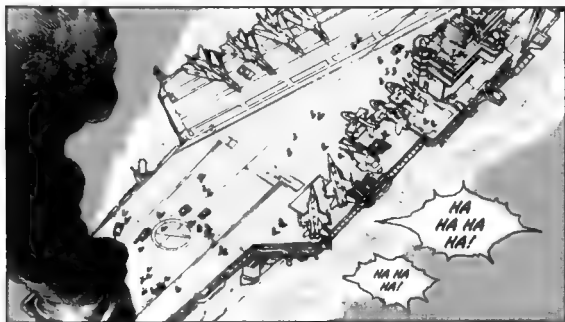
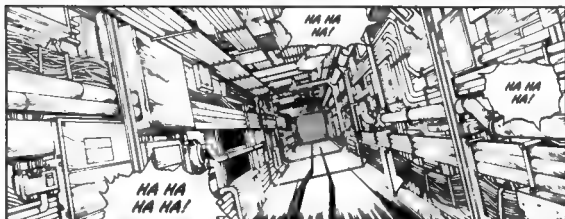
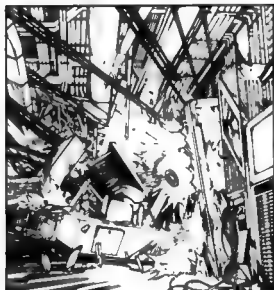


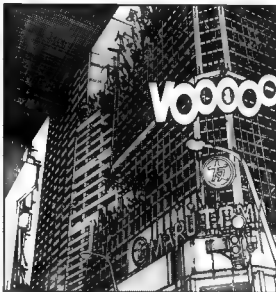
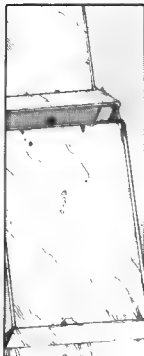
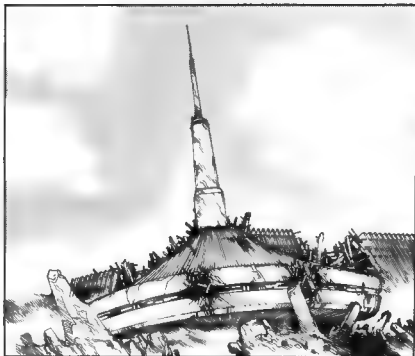


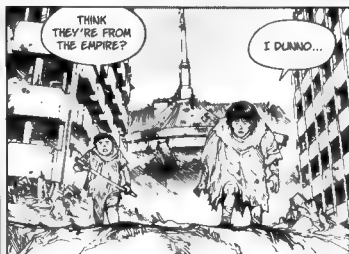
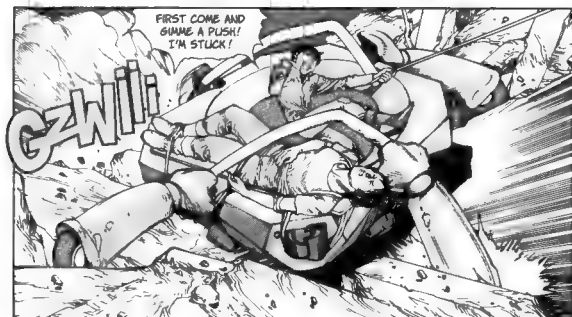




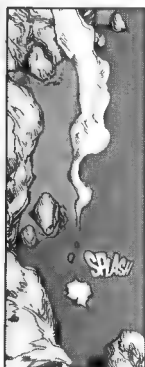
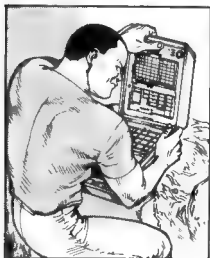


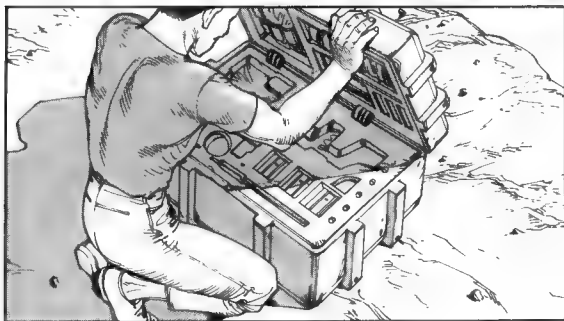


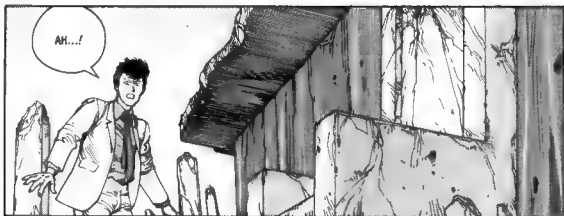


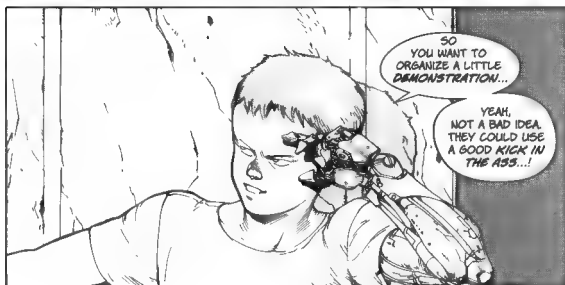
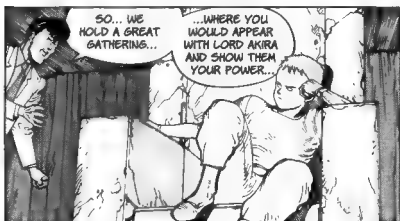


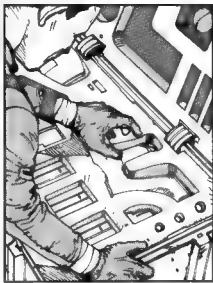
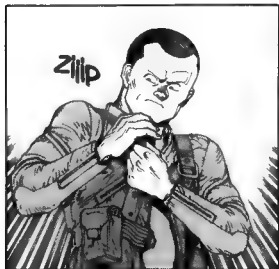


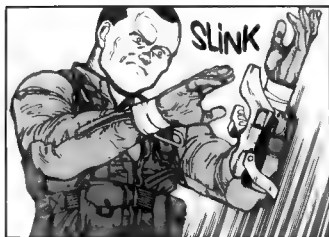










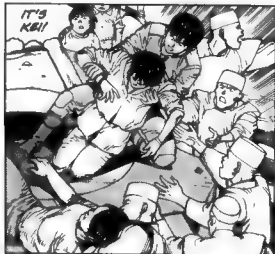
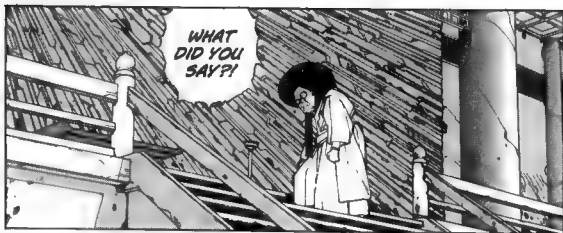


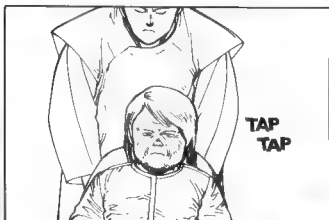
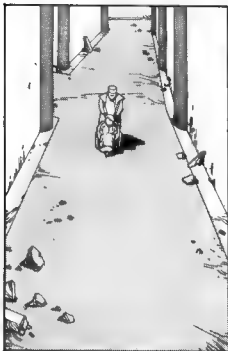




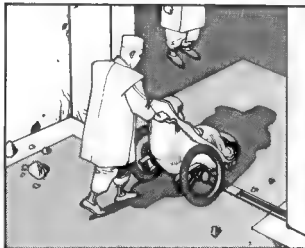
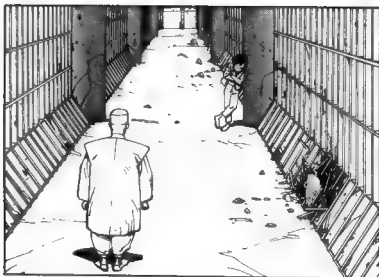


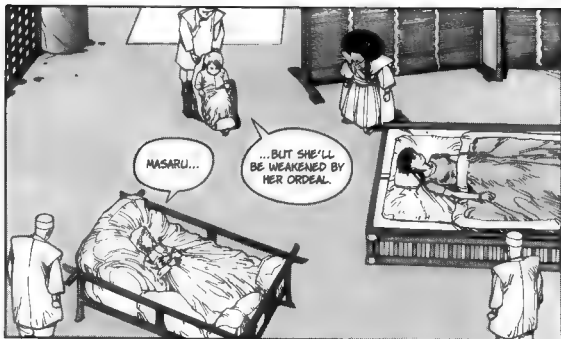


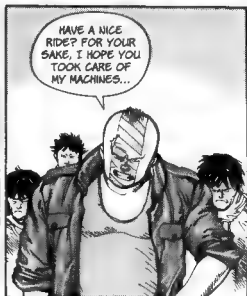
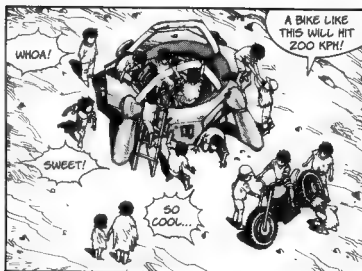


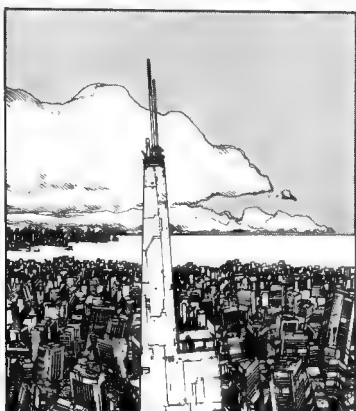
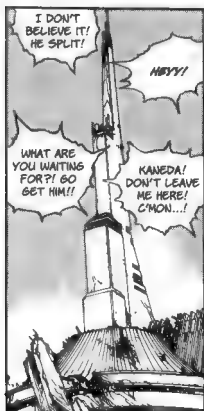




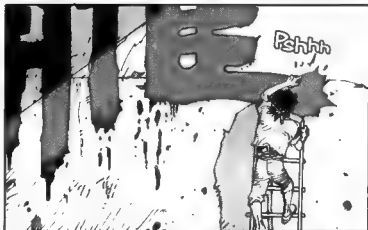




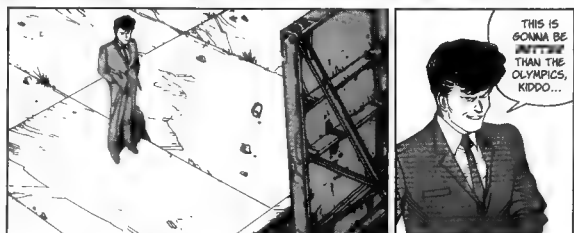
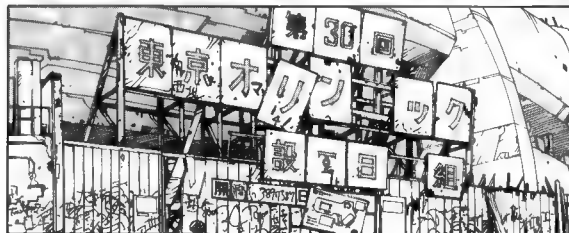
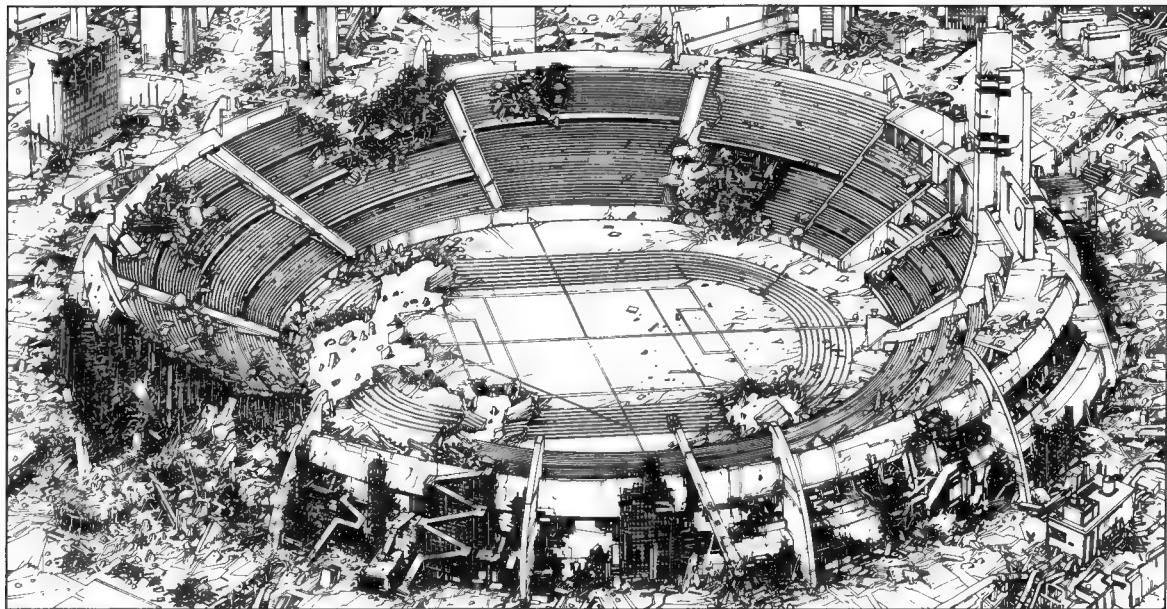


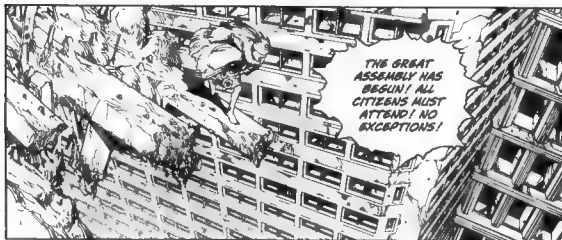




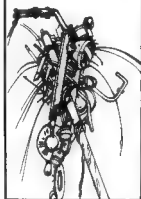








DO NOT BE MISLED  
BY THE SEDUCTIVE  
LIES OF MIYAKO,  
SWORN ENEMY OF  
OUR EMPIRE!



LET US  
UNITE UNDER  
THE SAME  
BANNER...!

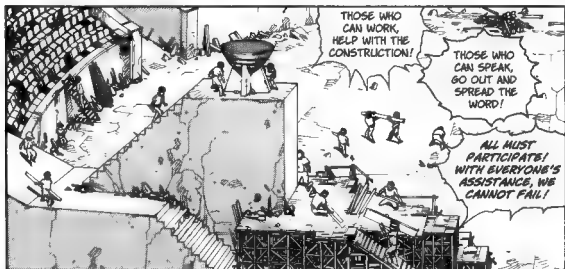
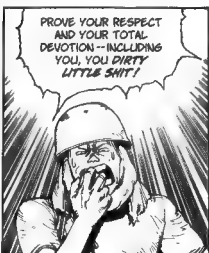


...LET US  
SHOW OUR  
LOYALTY TO OUR  
GREAT LORD  
AKIRA.

THE FIGHT  
CONTINUES!  
WE HAVE  
NO OTHER  
CHOICE!



PROVE YOUR RESPECT  
AND YOUR TOTAL  
DEVOTION --INCLUDING  
YOU, YOU DIRTY  
LITTLE SHIT!



THOSE WHO  
CAN WORK,  
HELP WITH THE  
CONSTRUCTION!

THOSE WHO  
CAN SPEAK,  
GO OUT AND  
SPREAD THE  
WORD!

ALL MUST  
PARTICIPATE!  
WITH EVERYONE'S  
ASSISTANCE, WE  
CANNOT FAIL!

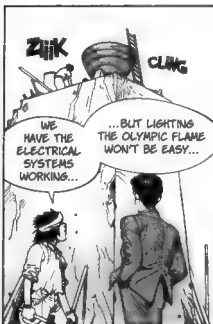




WELL?

HOW'S THE JOB  
PROGRESSING?  
WHERE ARE WE?

WE'RE  
DOING OUR  
BEST...



WE  
HAVE THE  
ELECTRICAL  
SYSTEMS  
WORKING...

...BUT LIGHTING  
THE OLYMPIC FLAME  
WON'T BE EASY...



IT'LL BE  
TOUGH TO KEEP  
IT BURNING FOR  
VERY LONG...



SO,  
FIGURE IT  
OUT! THAT'S  
YOUR JOB!

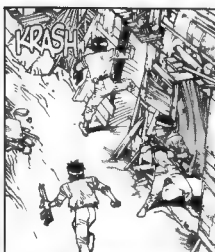
Y...  
YESSIR!



THE FLAME  
MUST LIGHT  
THE STAGE FOR  
24 HOURS...



A BRIGHT,  
CLEAR LIGHT  
WILL BE JUST  
THE SYMBOL  
WE NEED!



OVER HERE, GUYS!

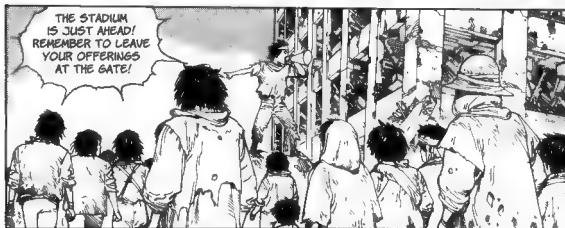


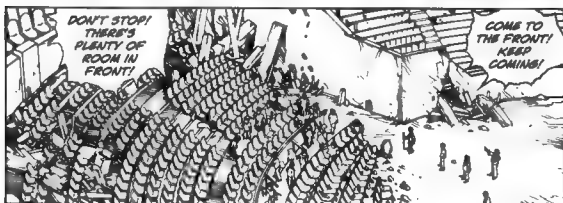
NO! NO BLOODSHED ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!

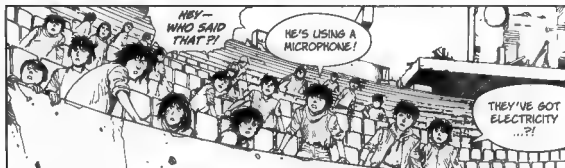


BUT... MY LEGS ARE... I CAN'T...

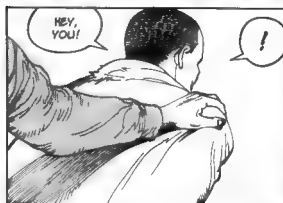
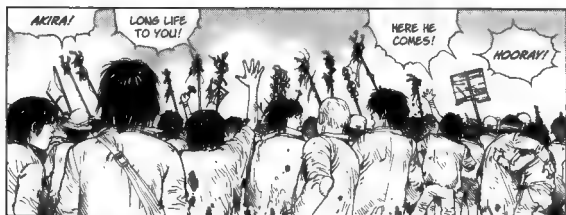


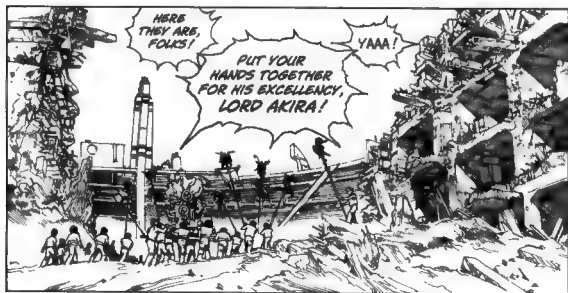


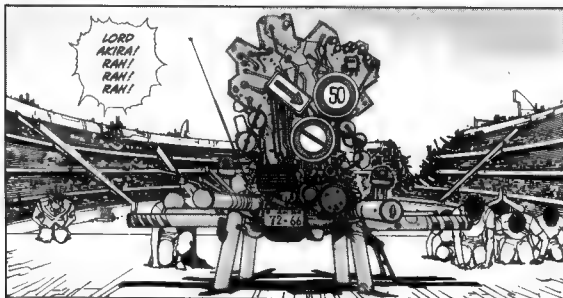






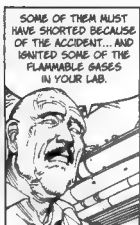
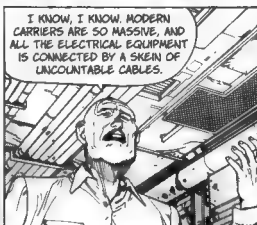
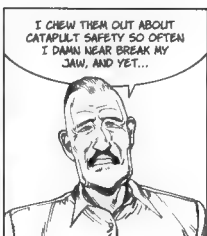


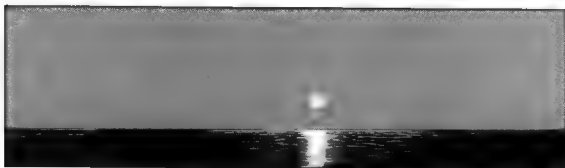
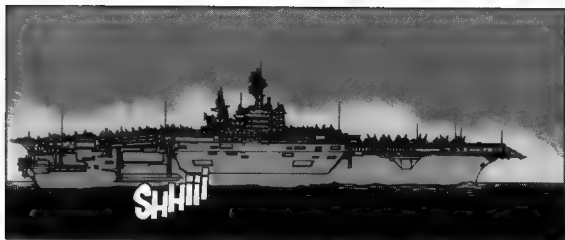








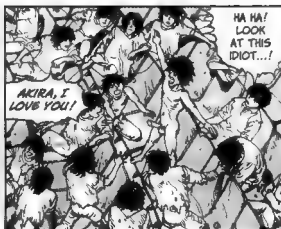








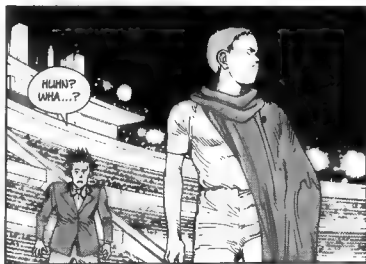
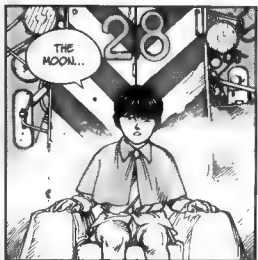
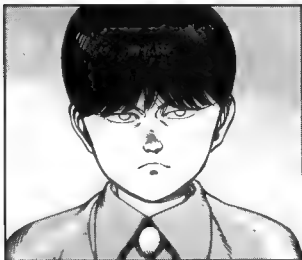


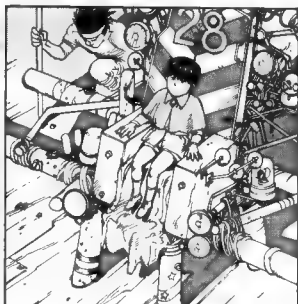
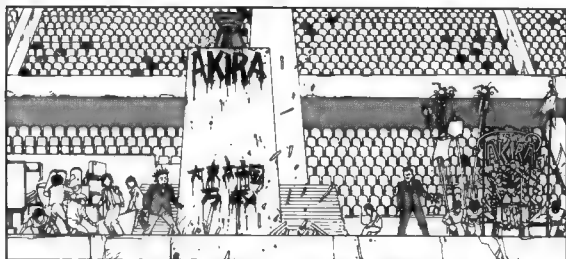
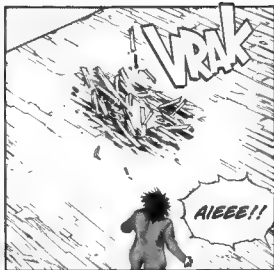


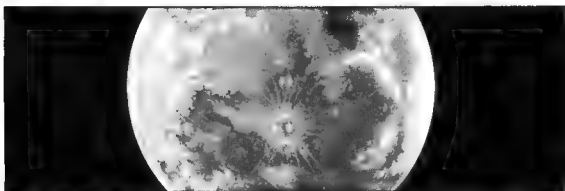
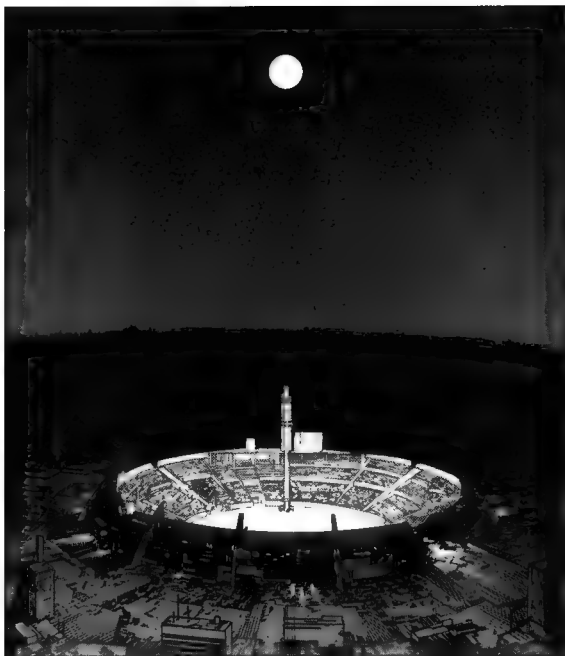


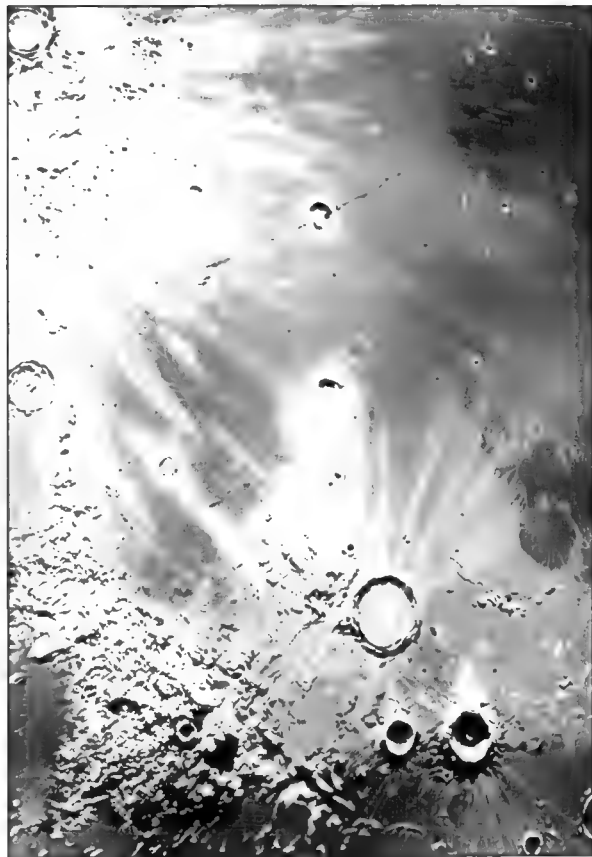


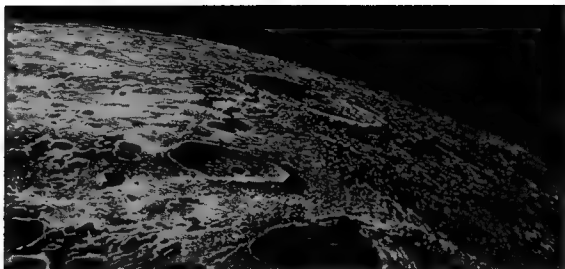


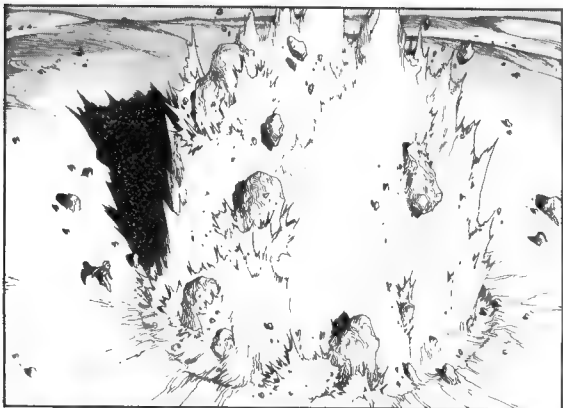


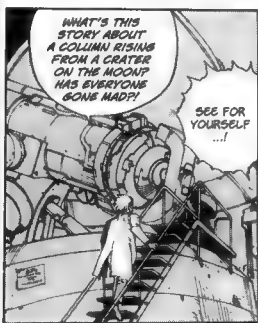
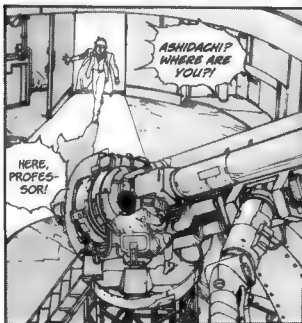


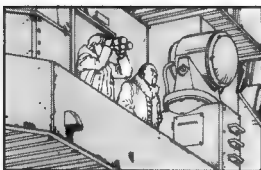
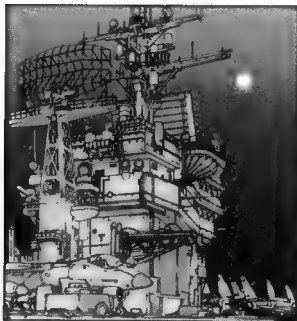




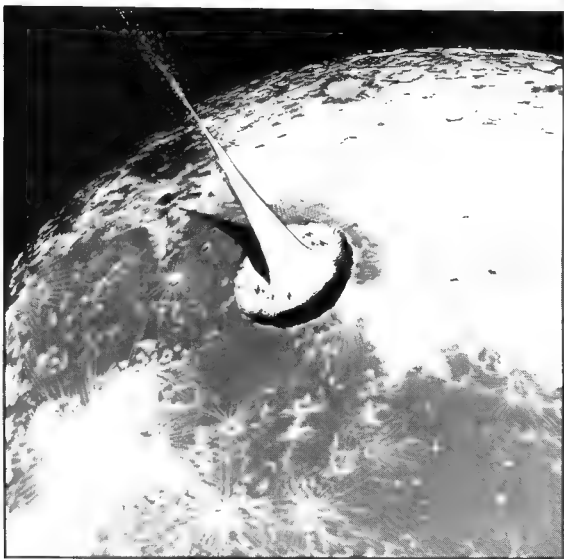




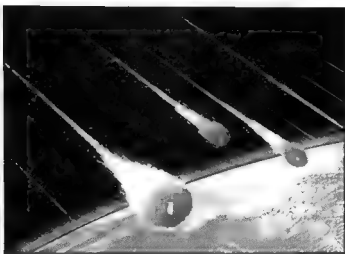
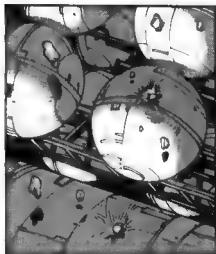
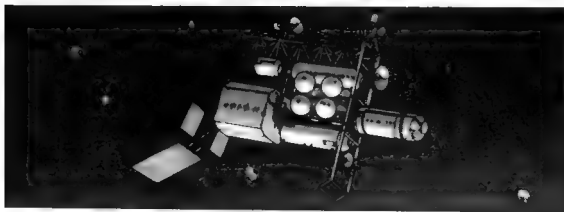
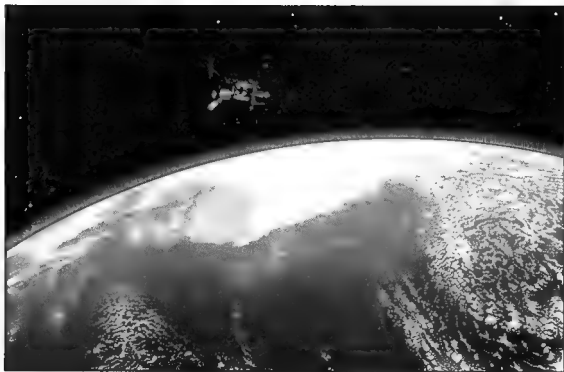


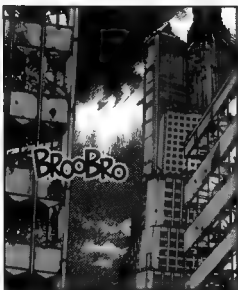


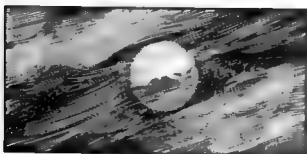


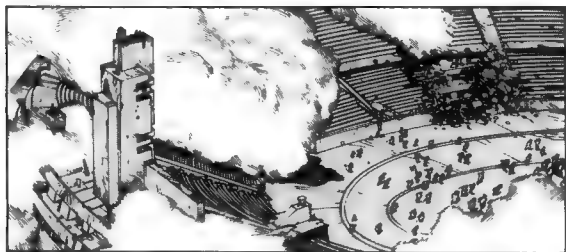
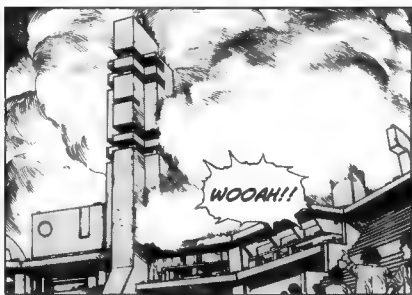


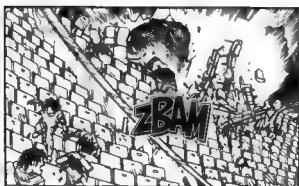






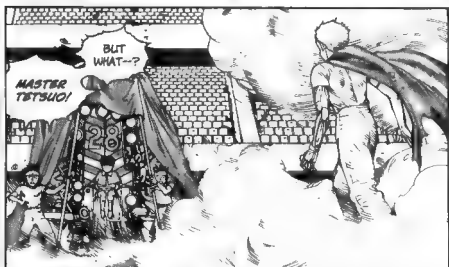


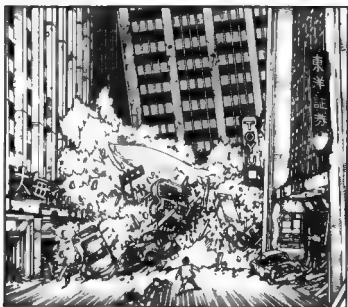
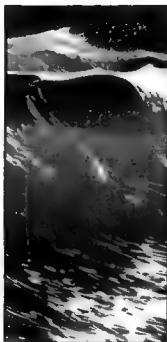


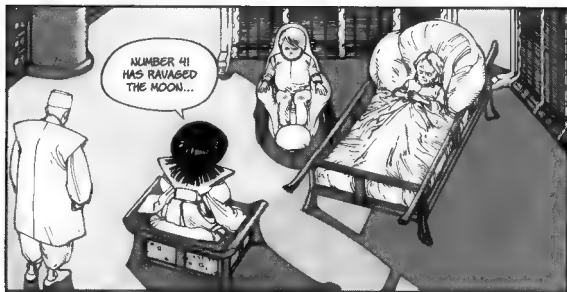


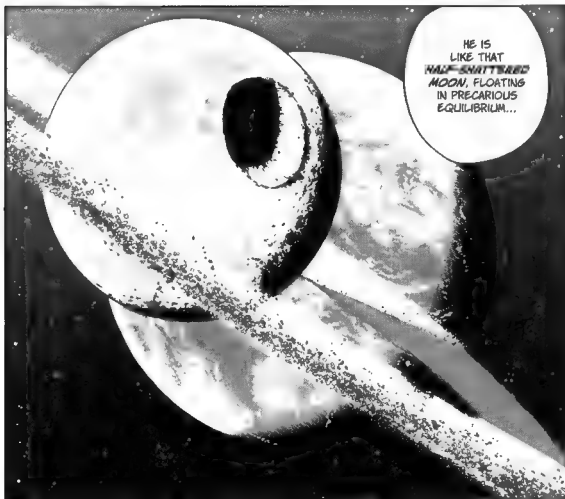
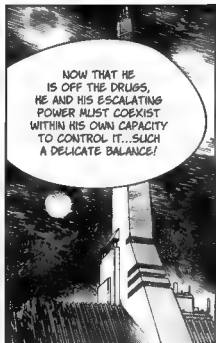


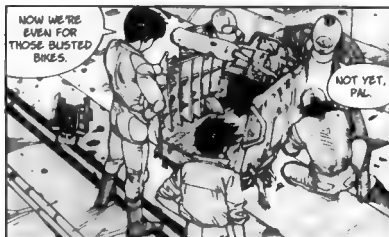


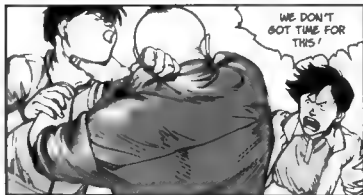
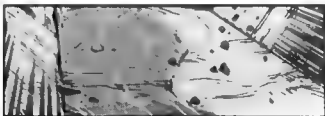
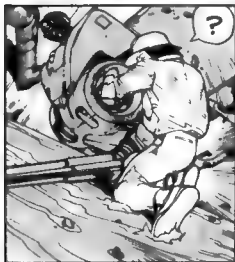


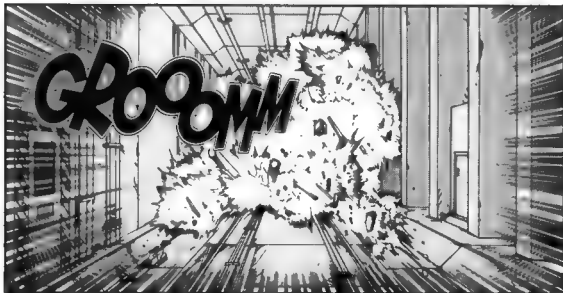


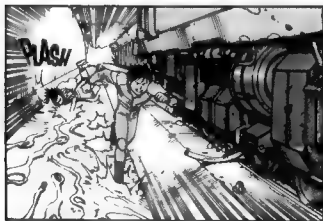
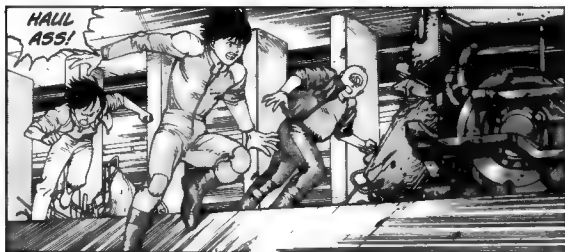




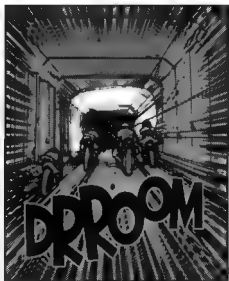


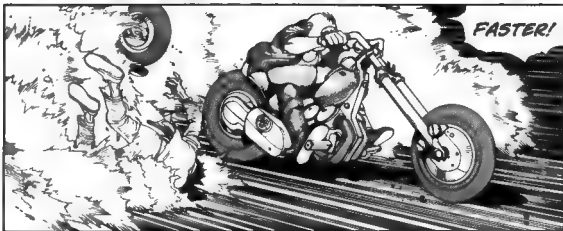






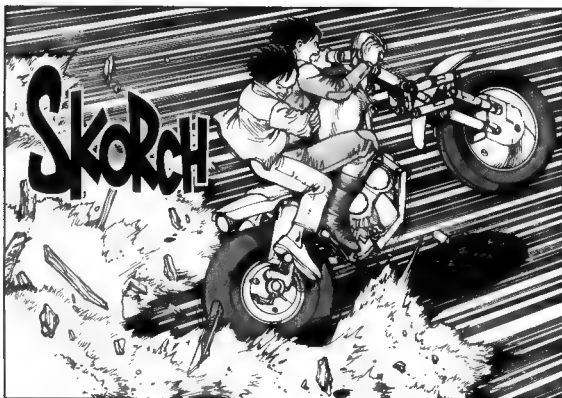








THERE'S NO  
WAY WE CAN  
MAKE IT RIDING  
TOGETHER!



DON'T WORRY,  
KAISUKE! I'LL  
HONOR YOUR  
MEMORY!



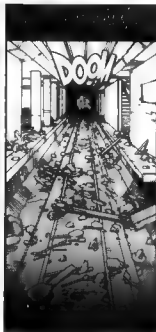
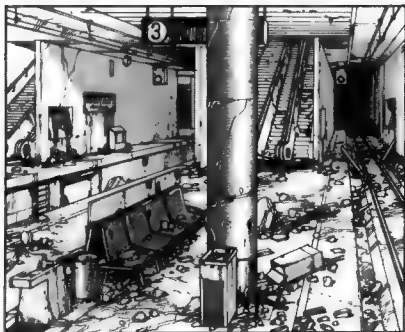
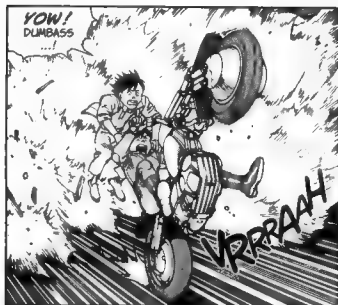
I PROMISE I'LL TAKE  
CARE OF TETSUO,  
SO YOU CAN REST  
IN PEACE! NOW  
GET OFF!

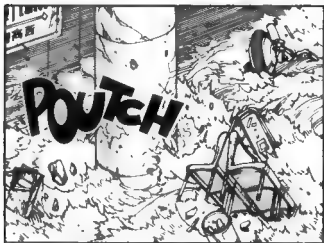
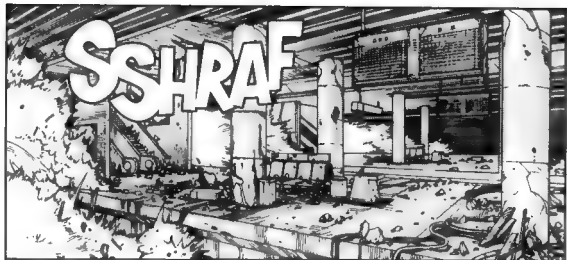


YOU  
BASTARD!

HOW CAN  
YOU THINK OF  
YOURSELF AT  
A TIME LIKE  
THIS?

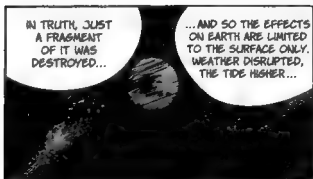
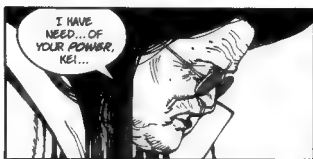
GWAAP!





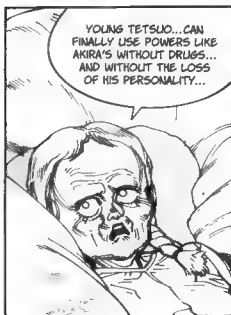
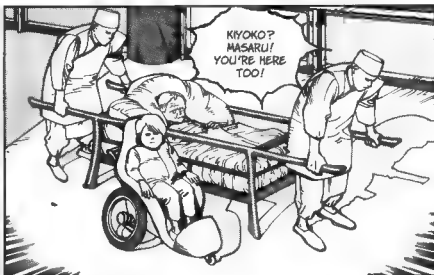




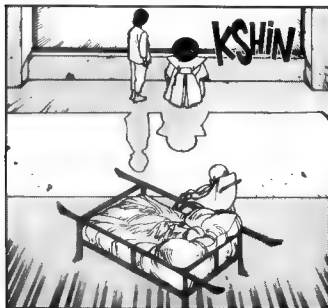


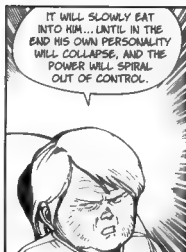
...AND SO THE EFFECTS ON EARTH ARE LIMITED TO THE SURFACE ONLY. WEATHER DISRUPTED, THE TIDE HIGHER...

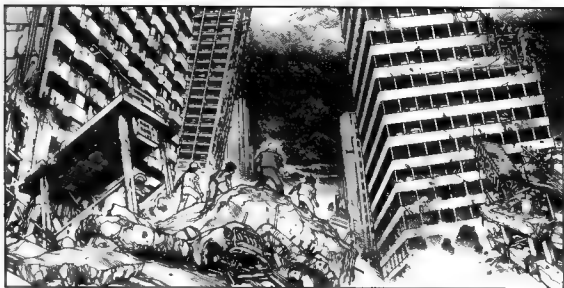


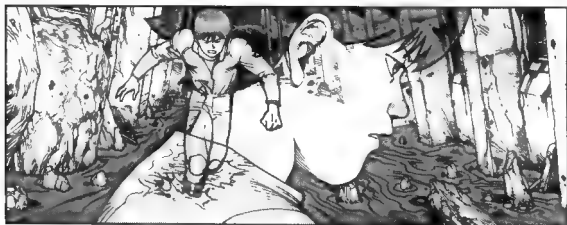
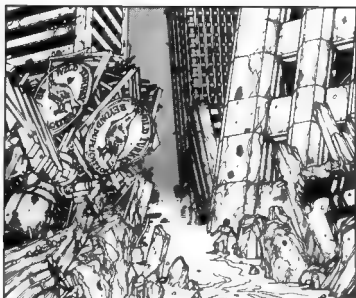
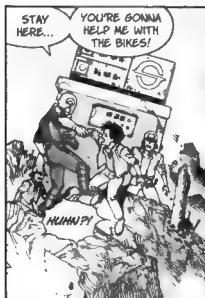


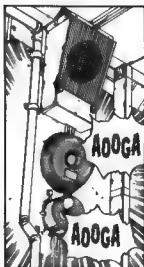


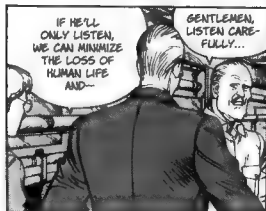
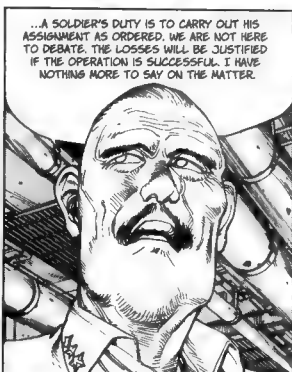
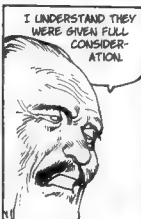
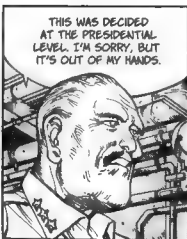
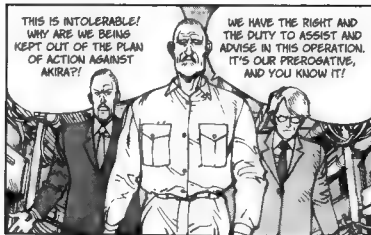






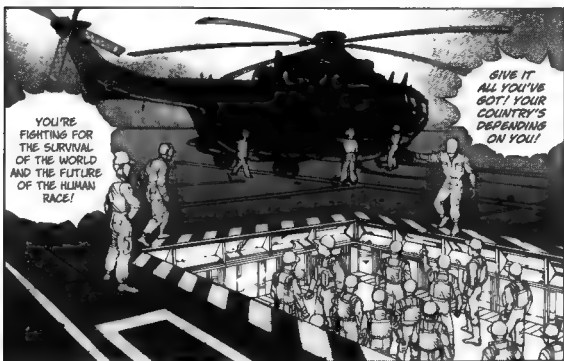
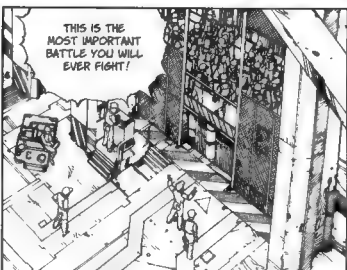
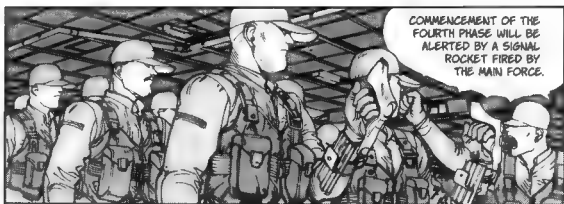


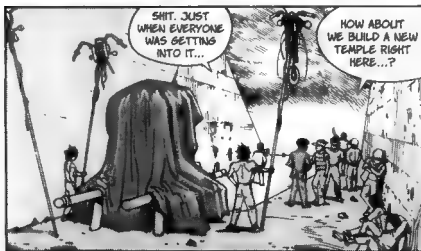
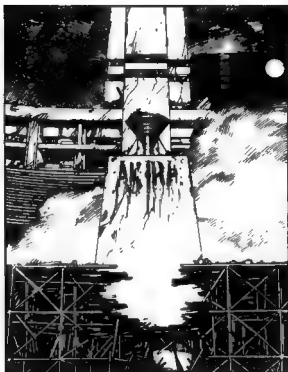


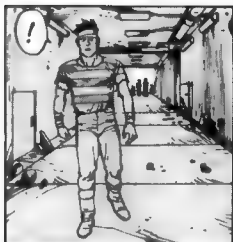
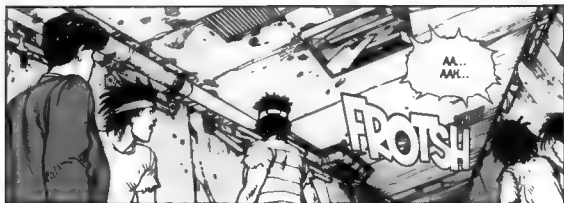






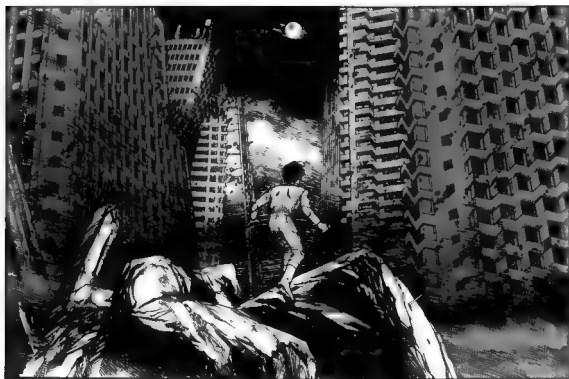


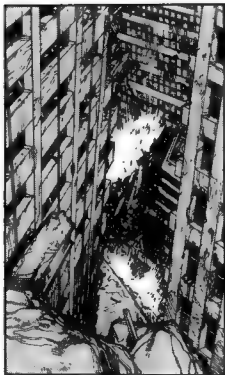




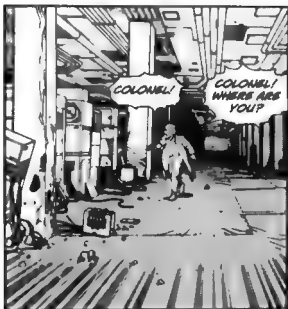




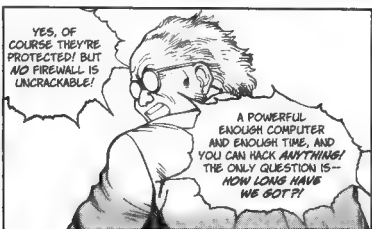
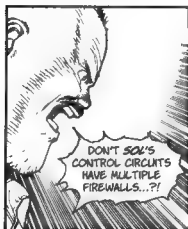


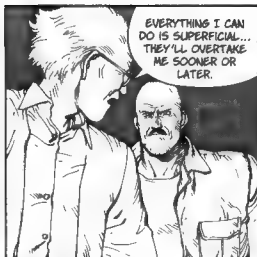


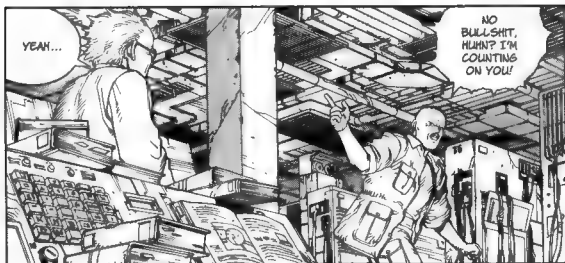


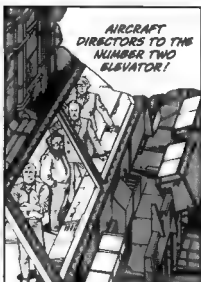
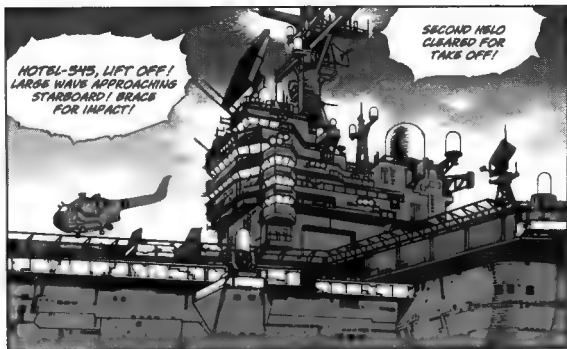


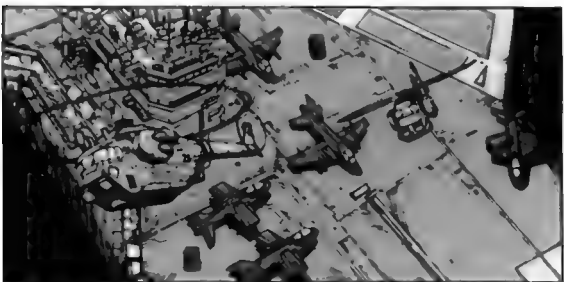
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...PROCEED TO SHORE  
UNDER YOUR OWN  
POWER!

RENDEZVOUS AT POINT  
ALPHA-3 AT OH-THREE-  
HUNDRED, INITIATE OP AT  
OH-THREE-FIFTEEN!

ANY STRAGGLERS  
WILL BE CONSIDERED  
DROWNED! THAT MEANS  
NO MEDALS!

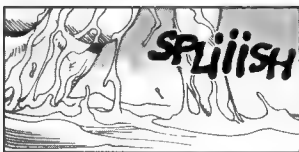
UNDERSTAND?

AYE AYE,  
SIR!

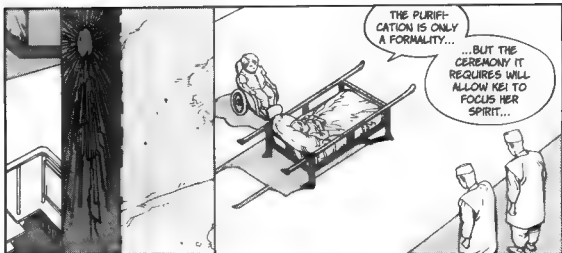
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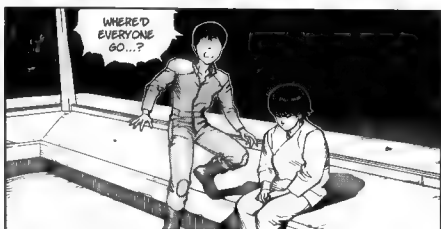
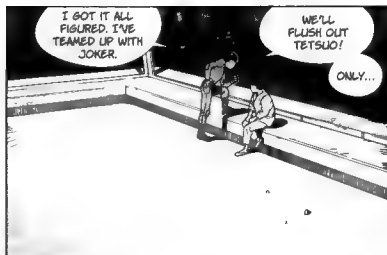




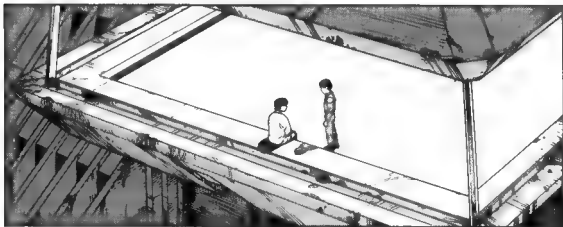


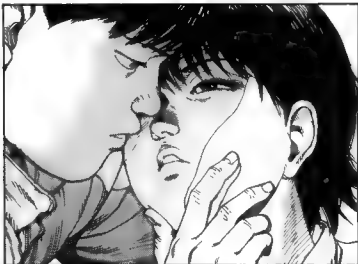








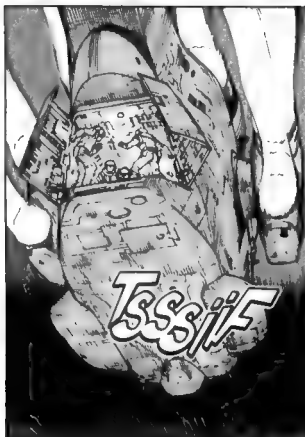
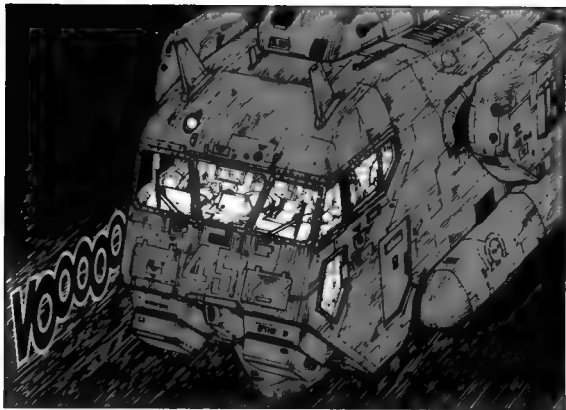


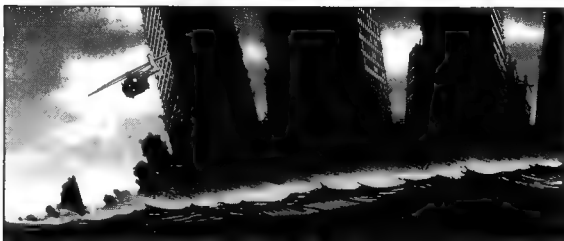
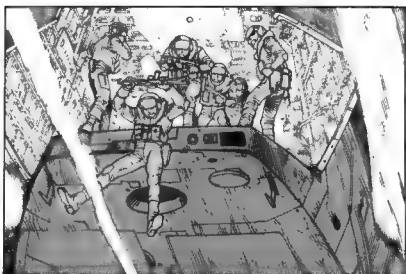


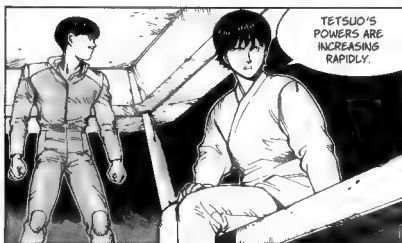






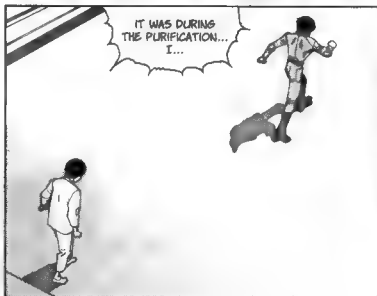








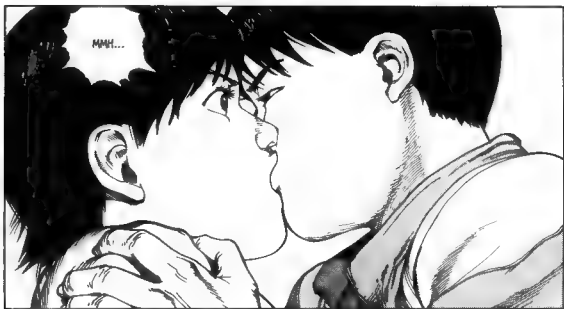


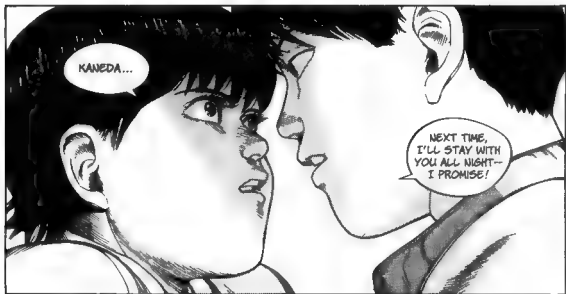


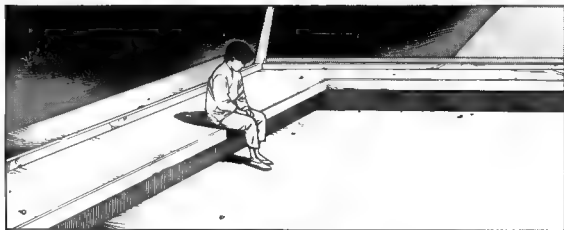


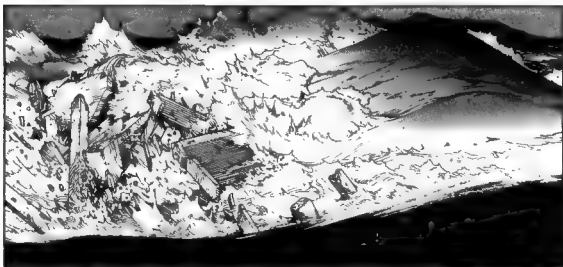
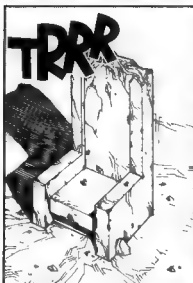


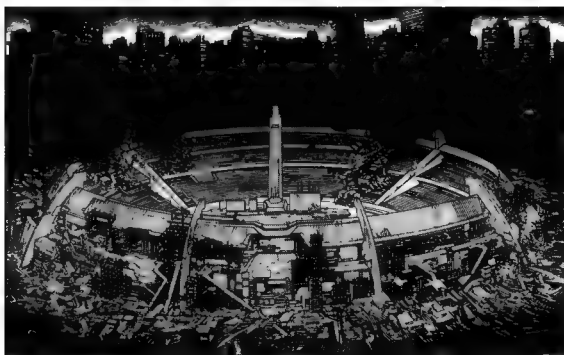








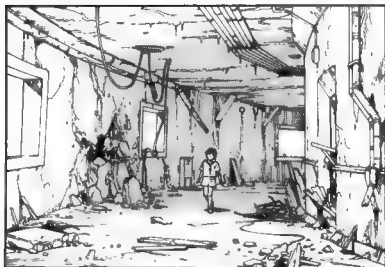




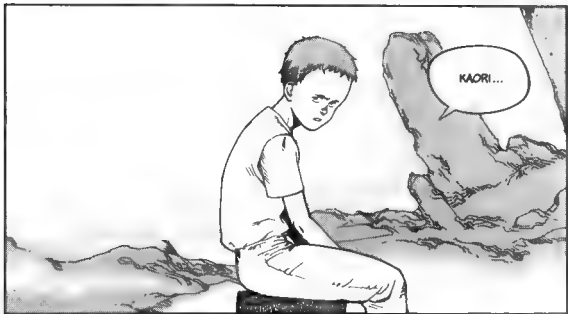
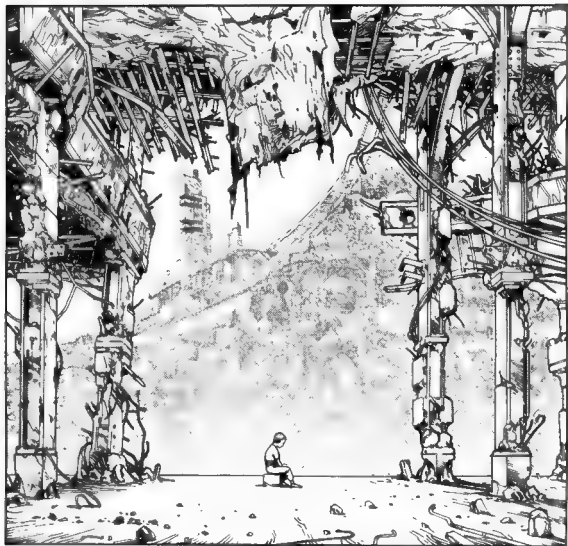


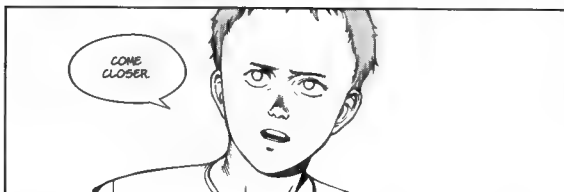
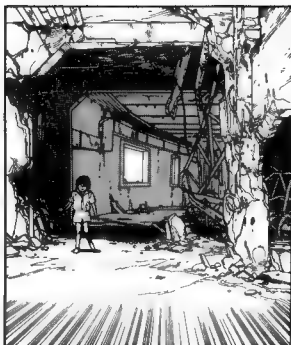




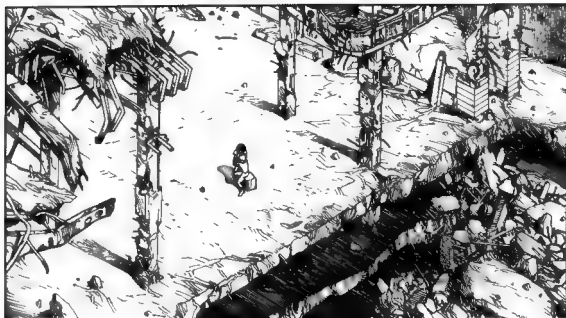








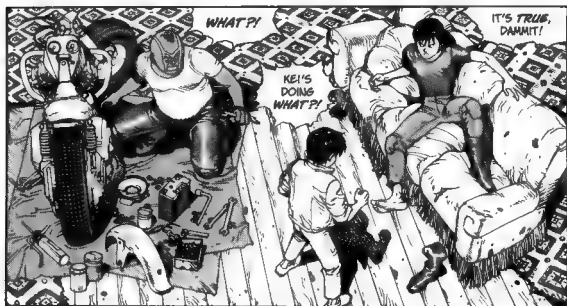


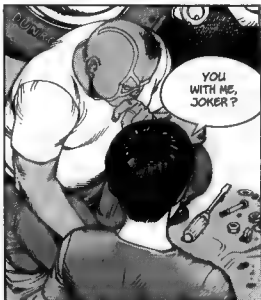


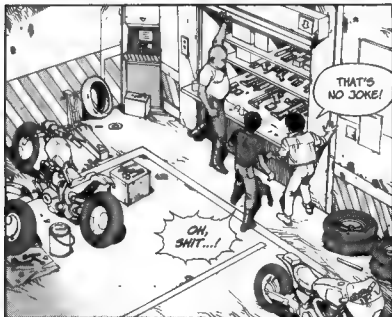
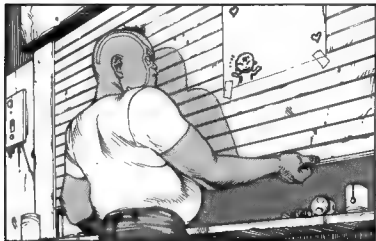


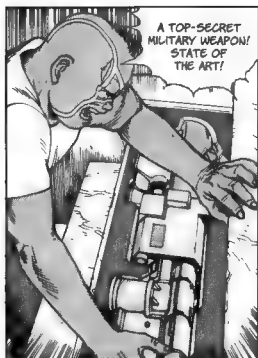




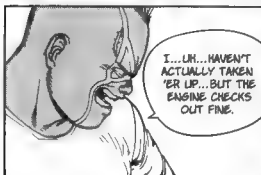


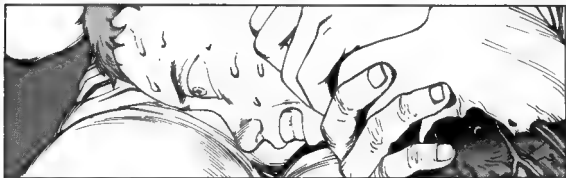




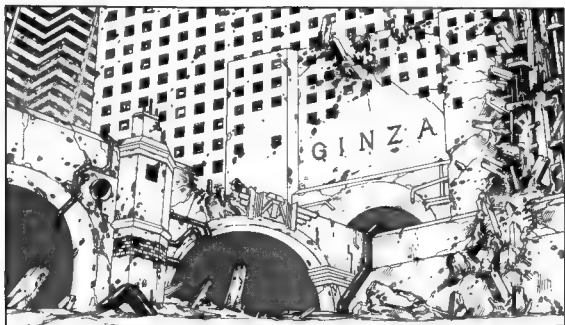


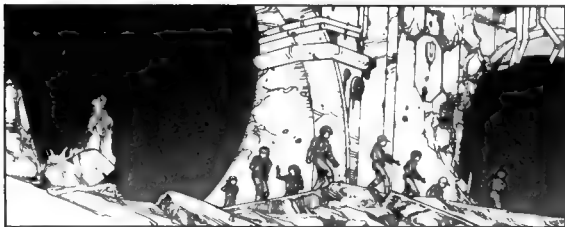
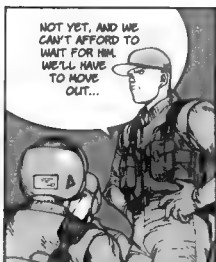


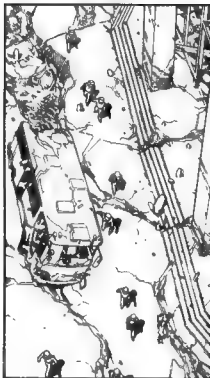














STOP THEM!  
THEY COME TO  
DESTROY THE  
EMPIRE!

PREPARE  
YOURSELVES,  
CITIZENS!



HE'S OUT OF  
RANGE! USE  
YOUR RIFLE!  
FIRE!

TAKA  
TAKATA



HA HA HA  
HA HAA!



WHAT THE--?!  
THE BULLETS ARE  
DEFLECTING?!



HA HA HA!  
YOU ARE NOTHING!  
MASTER TETSUO WILL  
BE DISAPPOINTED  
BY SUCH WEAK  
OPPONENTS!

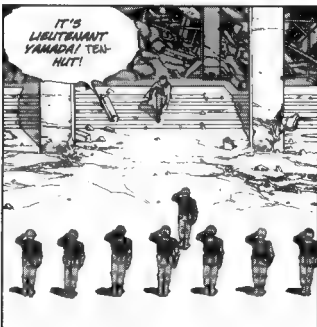


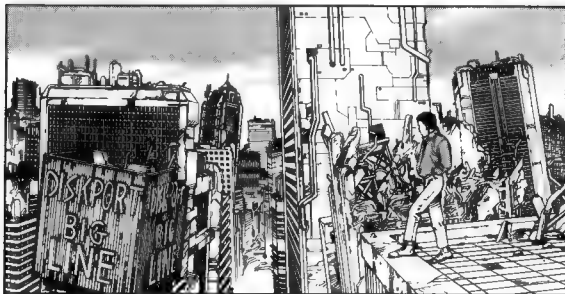
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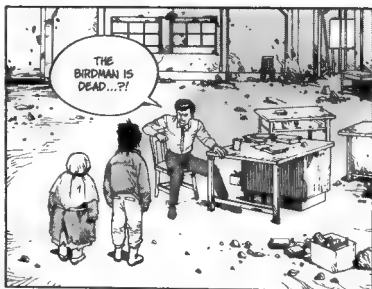


WHO...  
WHO'S  
THAT?! STAY  
BACK...!



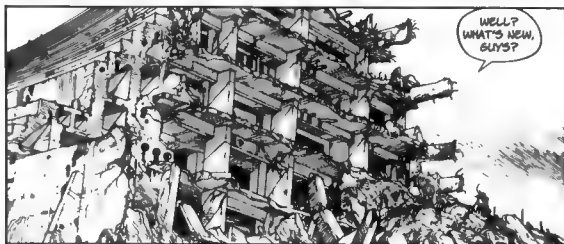




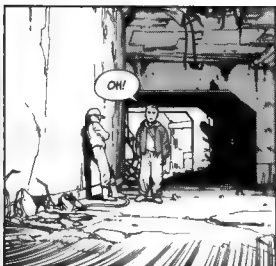






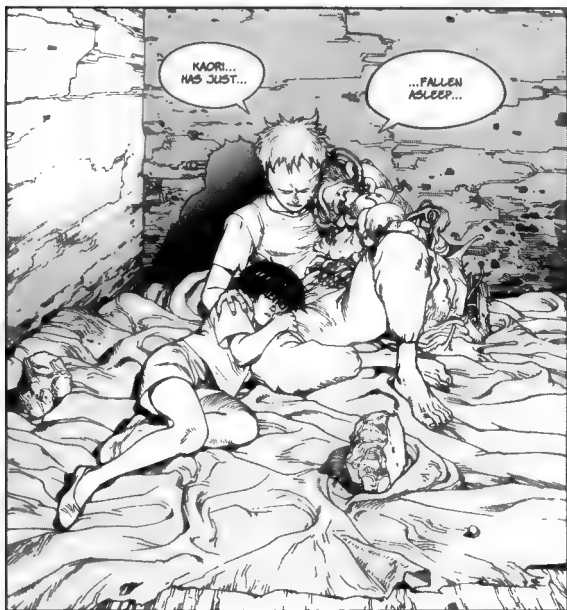




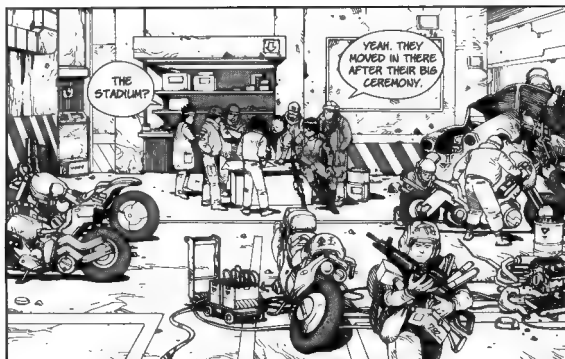


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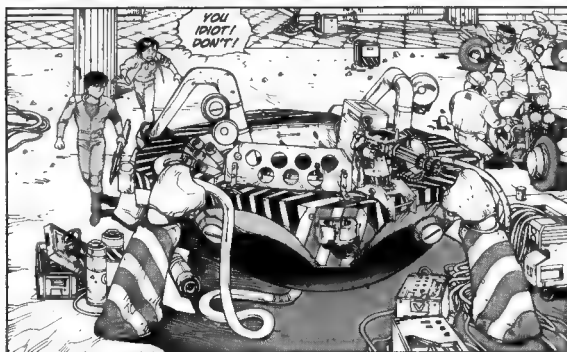


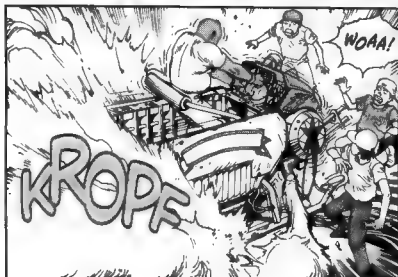


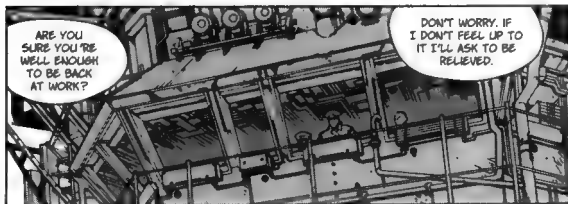
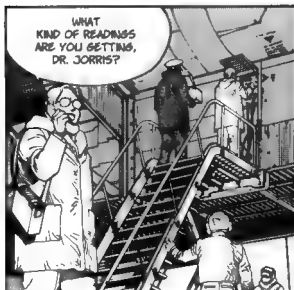
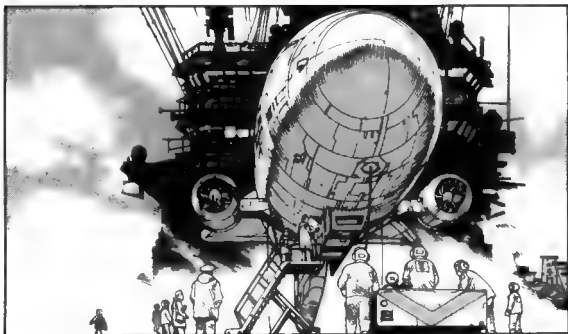














THREE MORE DAYS...TWO MORE DAYS...EXTENSION AFTER EXTENSION, AND NOW, TODAY, YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHEN YOU'LL CRACK IT?



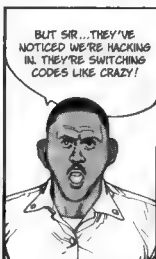
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS, LIEUTENANT?



YOU WERE STRUTTING AROUND SAYING YOU'D BREAK THE SECURITY LOCK ON SOL IN A WEEK!



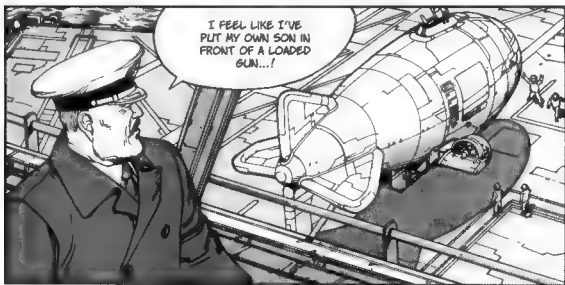
BUT SIR...THEY'VE NOTICED WE'RE HACKING IN. THEY'RE SWITCHING CODES LIKE CRAZY!



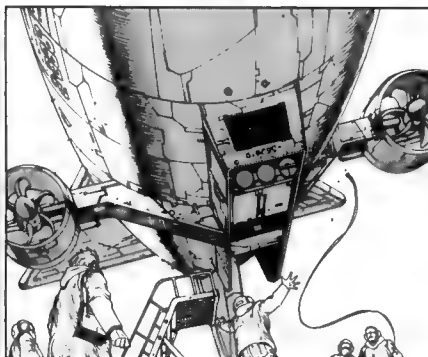
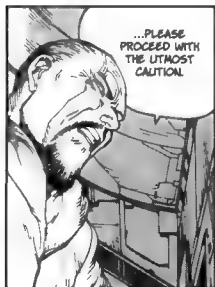
**NO EXCUSES!**

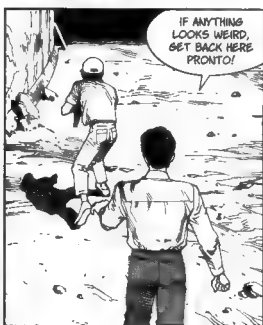
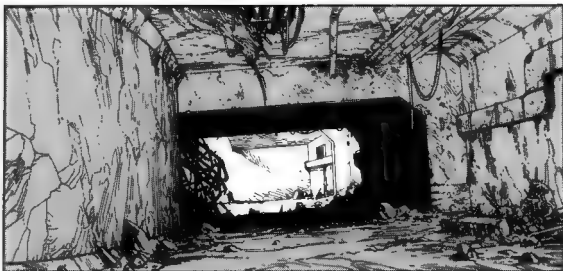


I FEEL LIKE I'VE PUT MY OWN SON IN FRONT OF A LOADED GUN...!



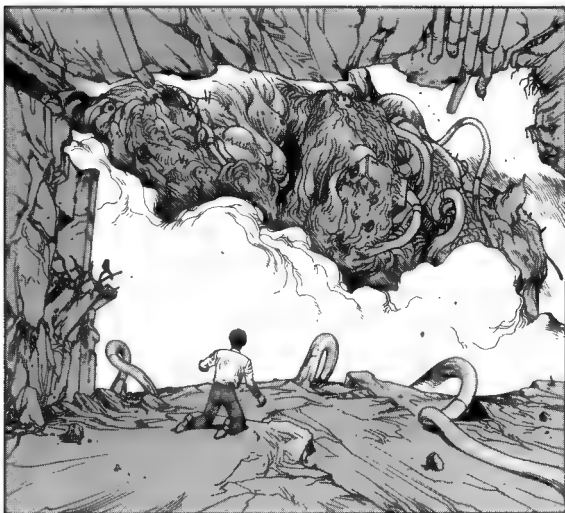


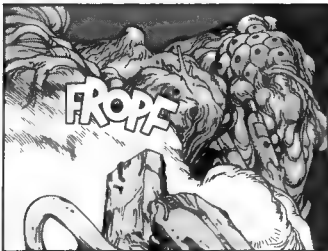


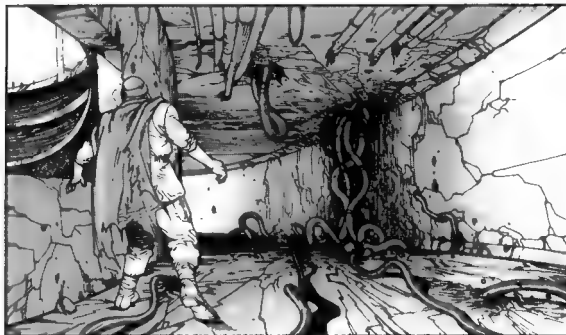
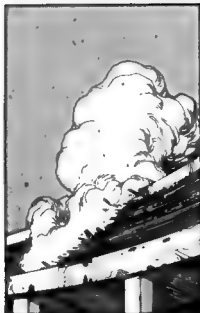


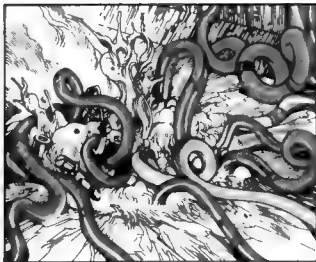


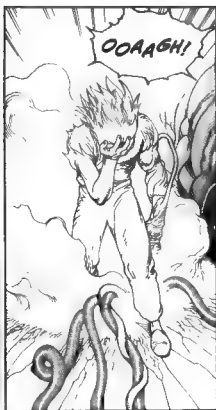
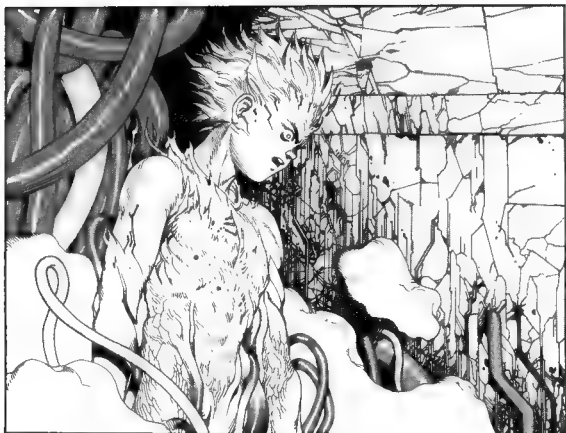


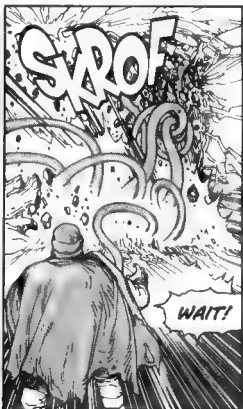
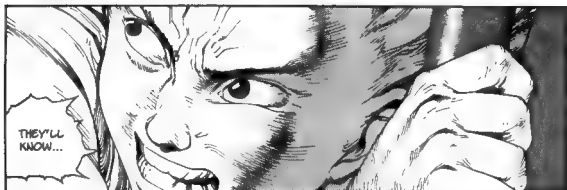


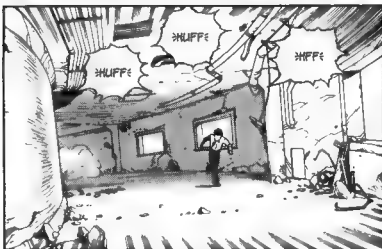


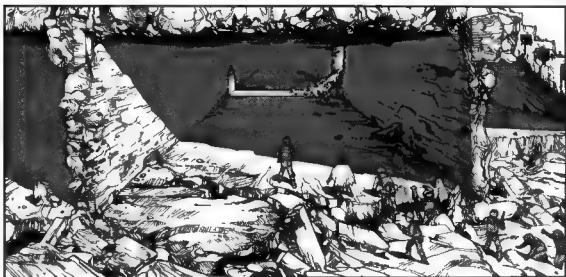
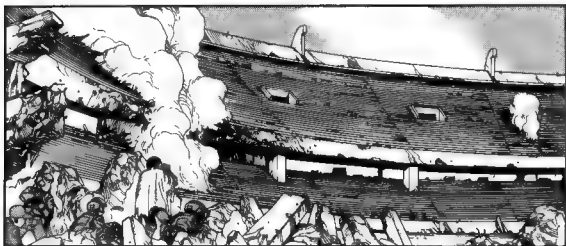




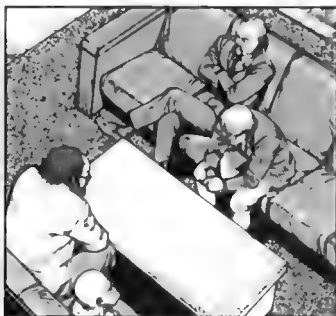


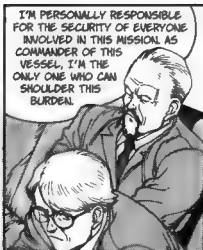


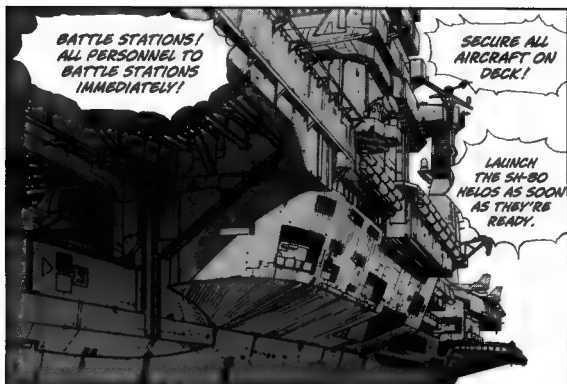




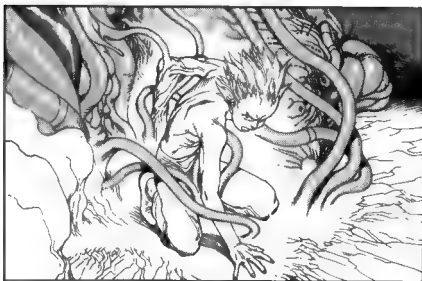


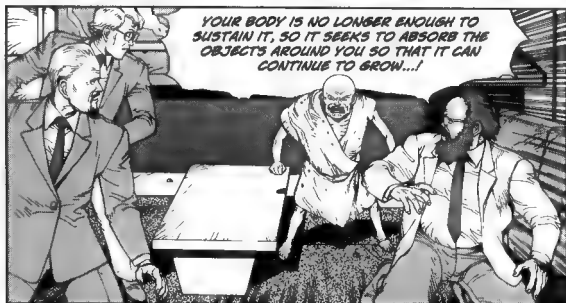


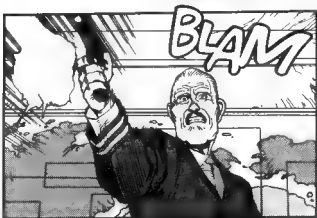


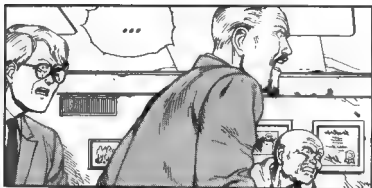




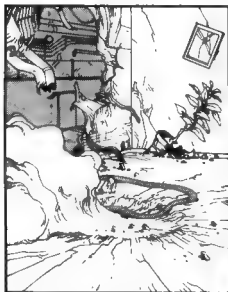


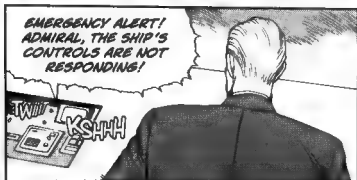




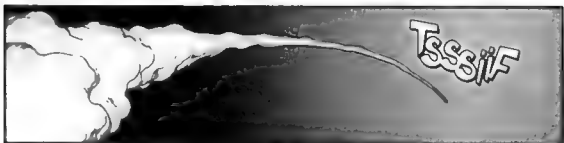
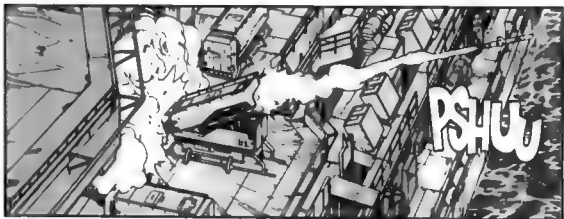
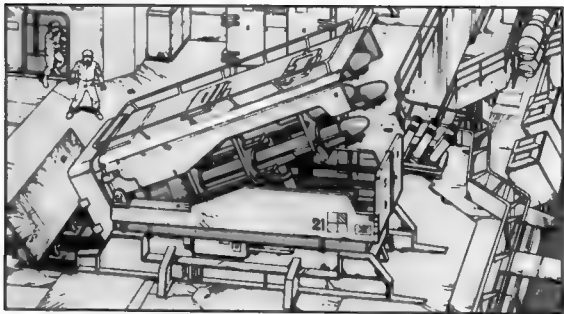


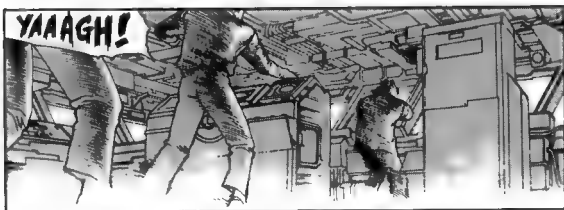
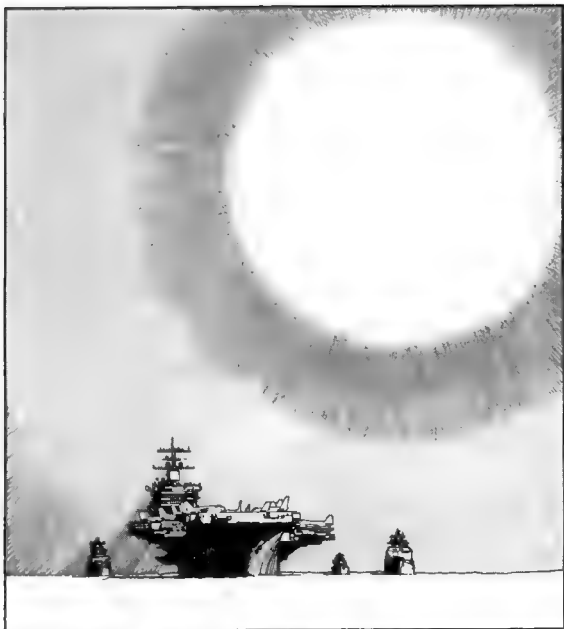


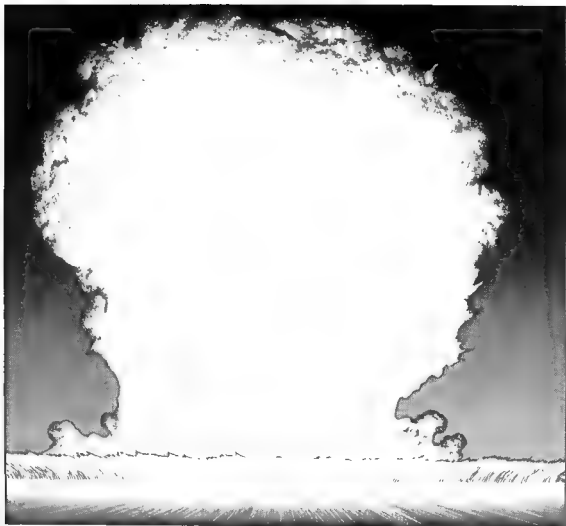


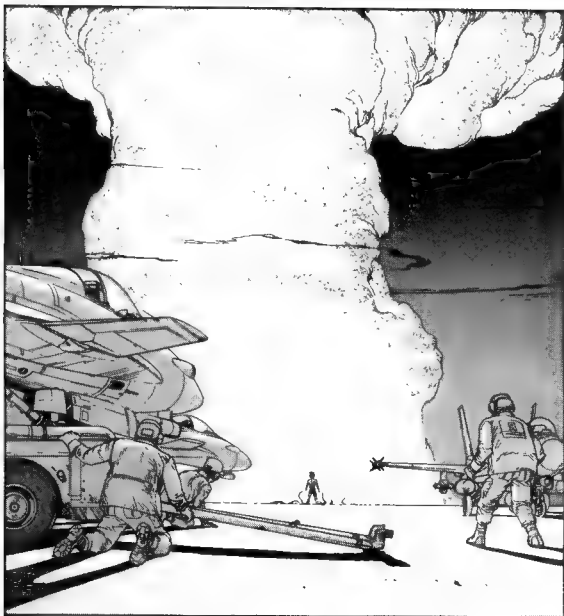


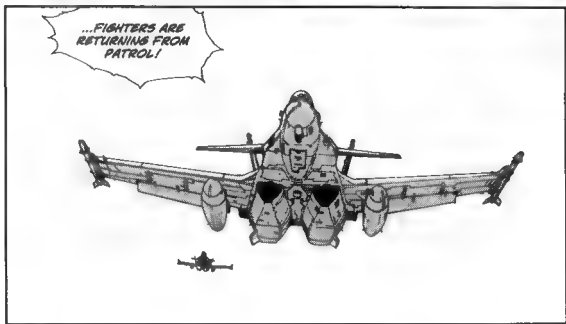




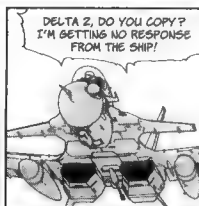
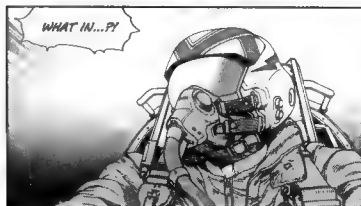
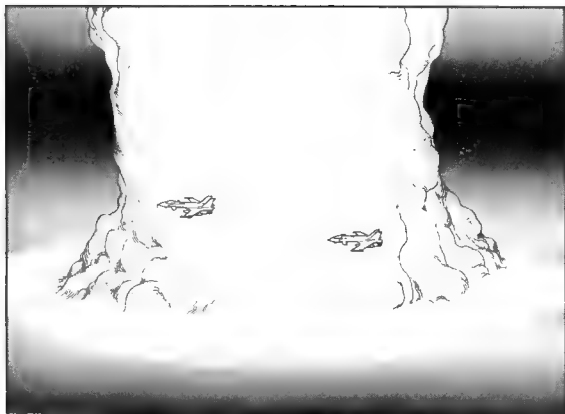


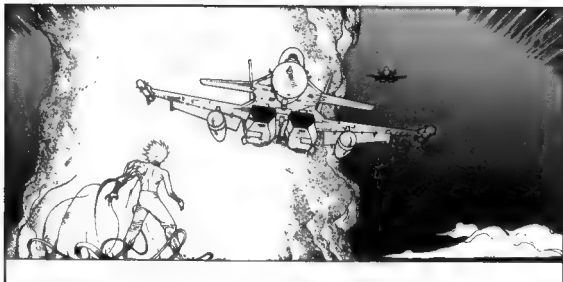


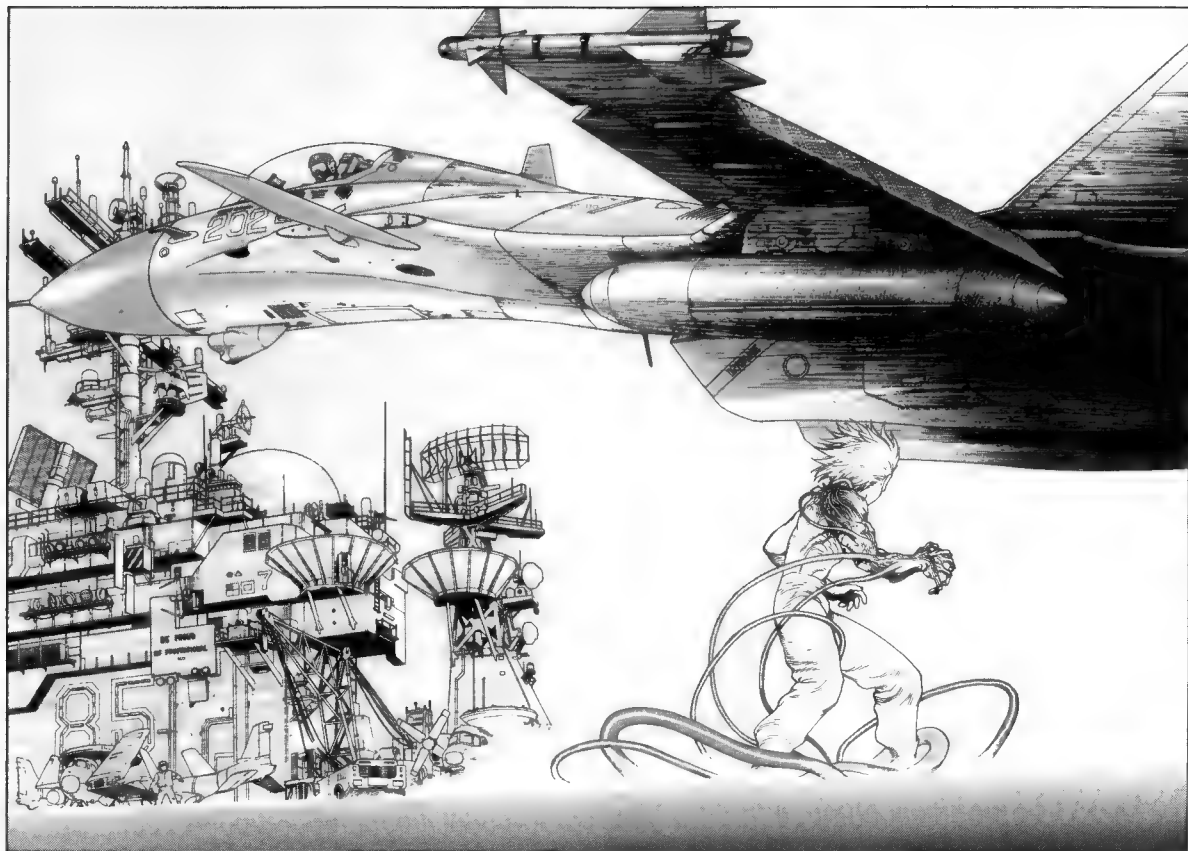


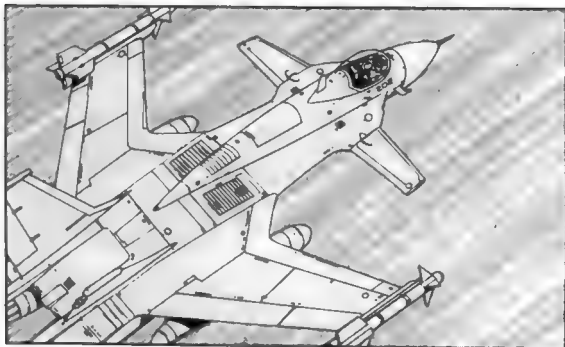




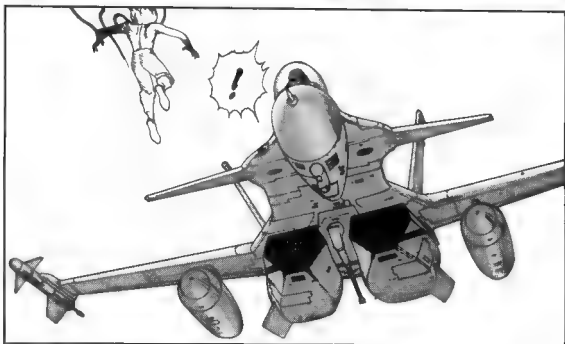
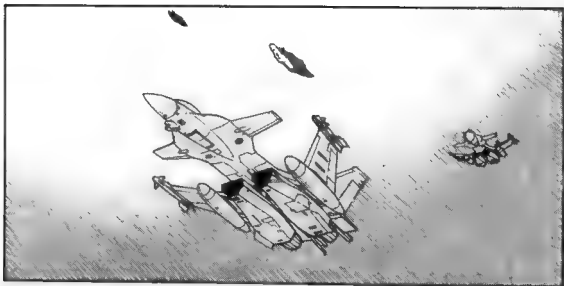


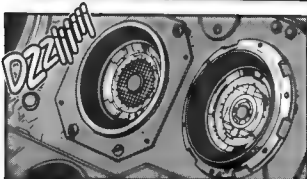


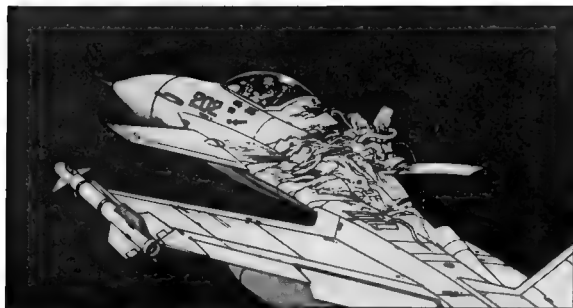
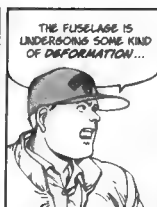






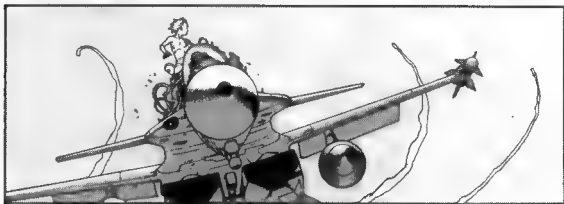


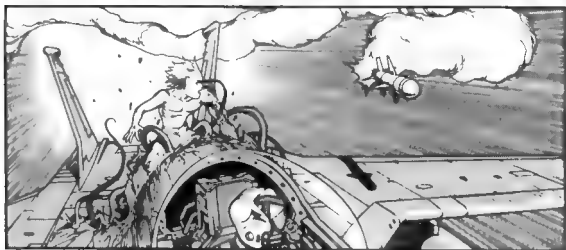
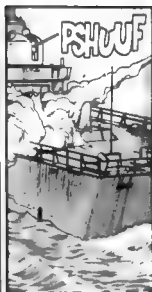


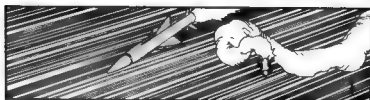
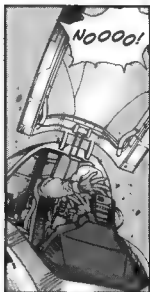


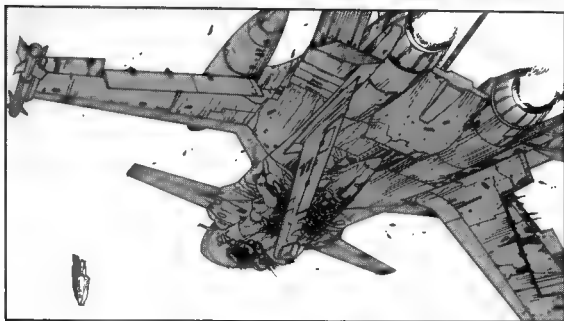
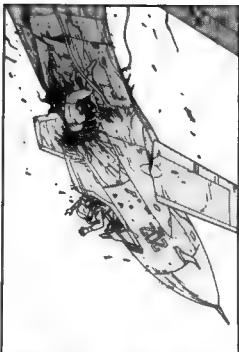


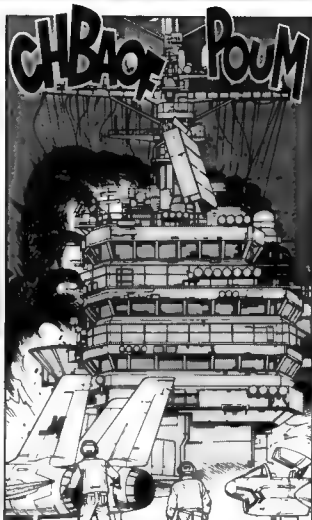


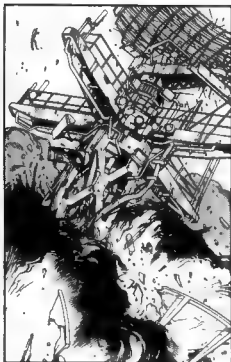


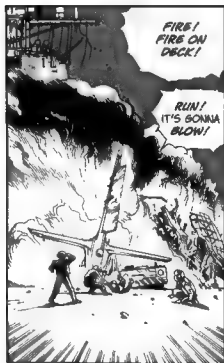




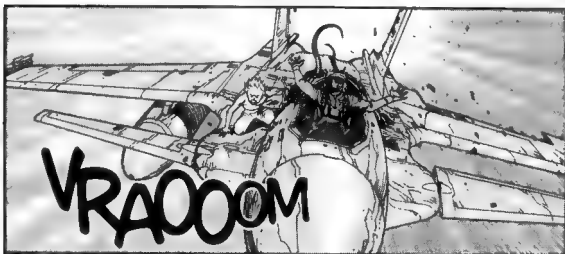
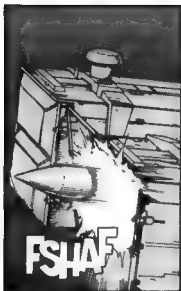


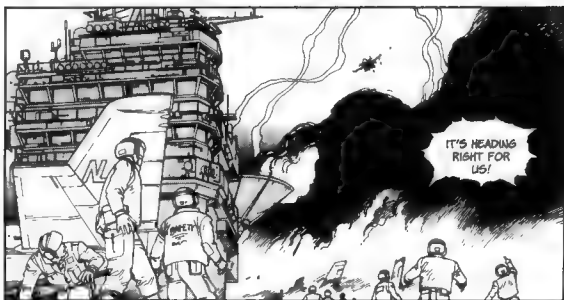
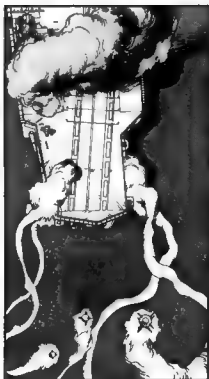


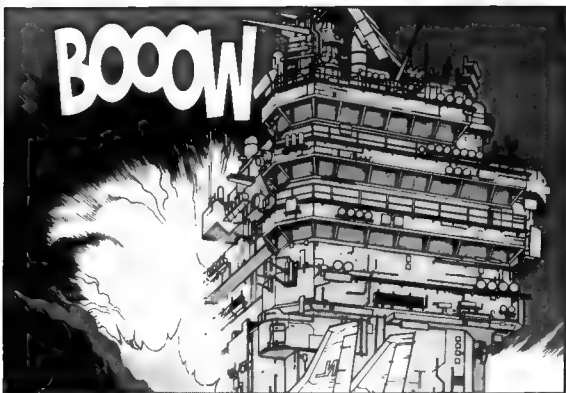
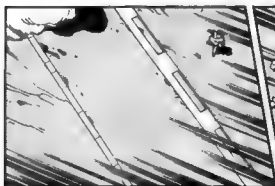
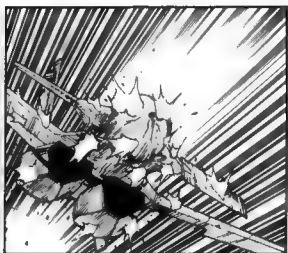
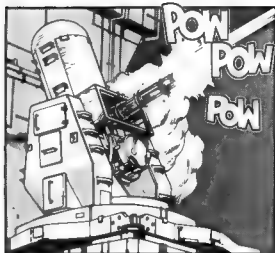


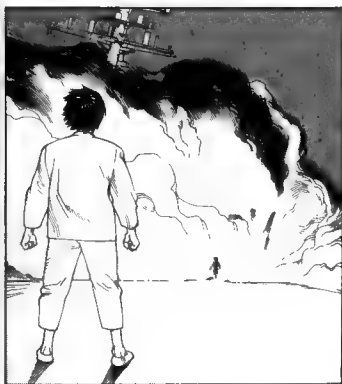
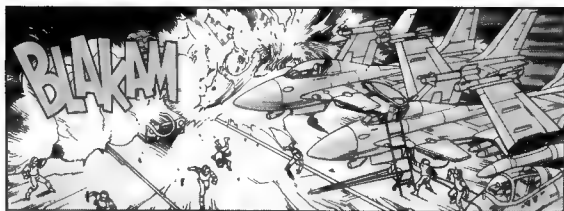
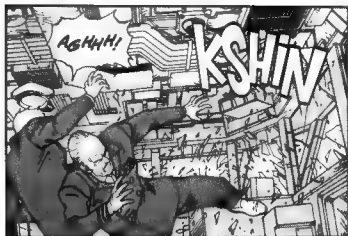




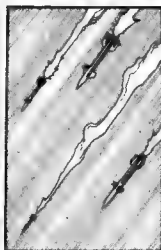




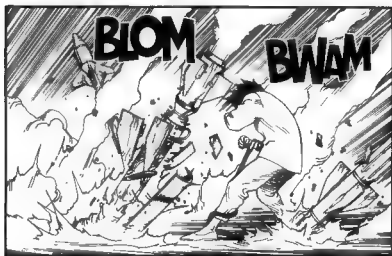




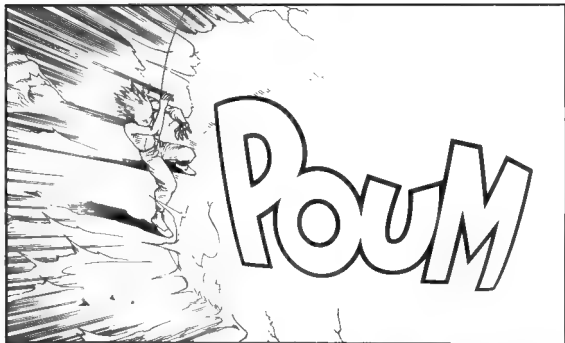


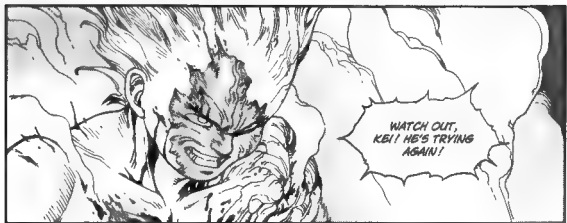




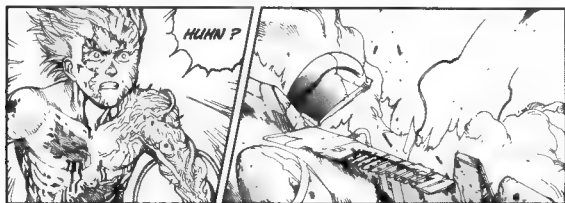


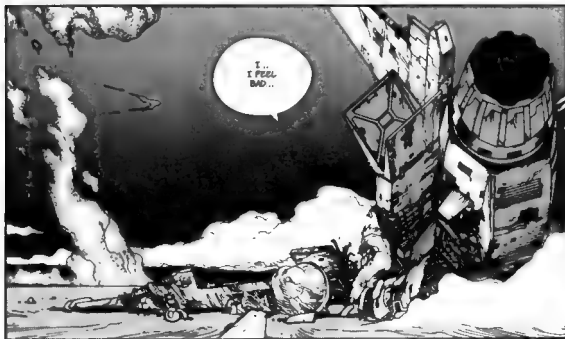
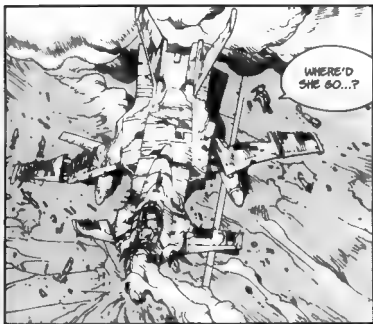




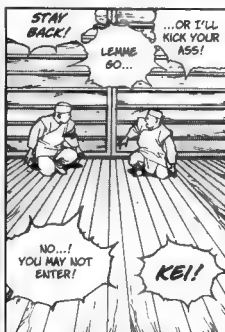
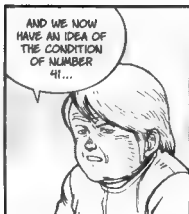


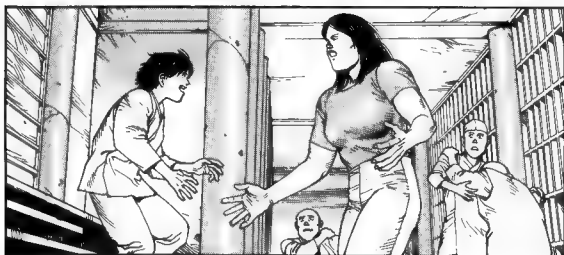




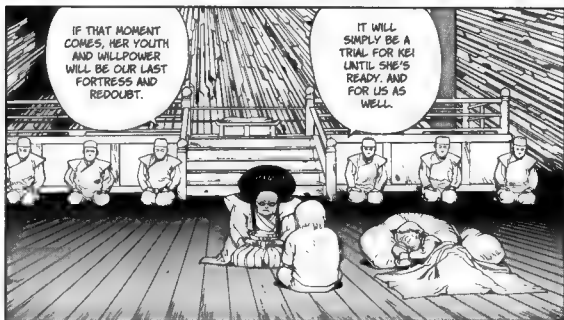


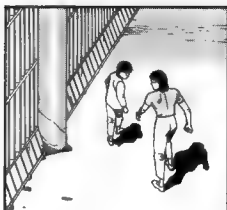








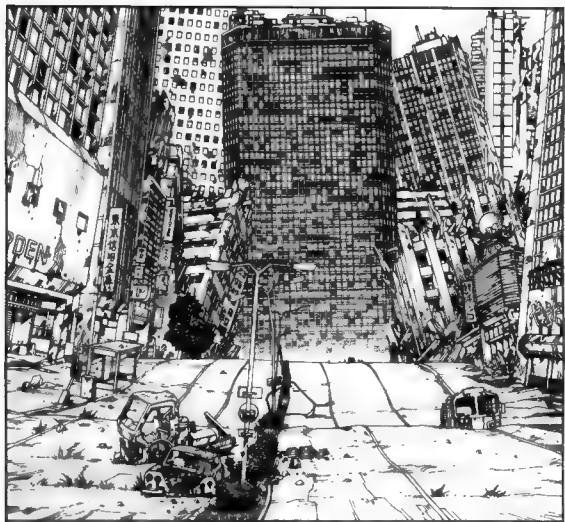


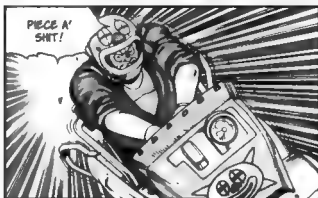
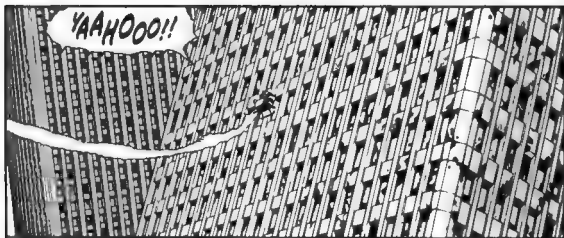






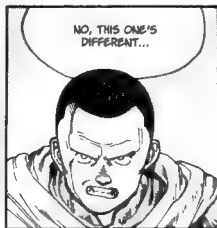
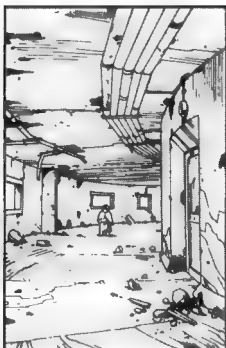






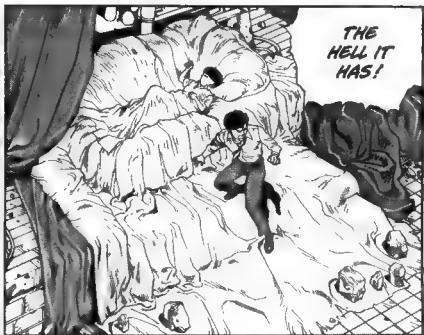


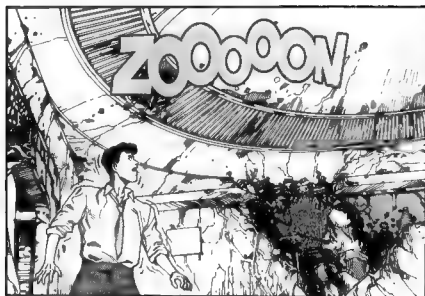


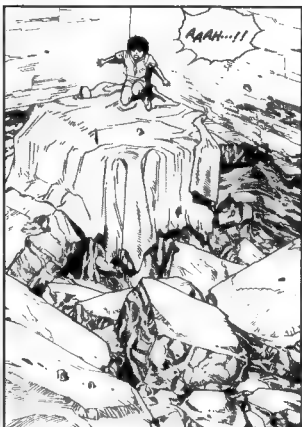


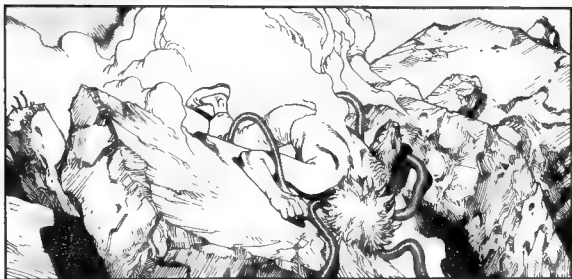


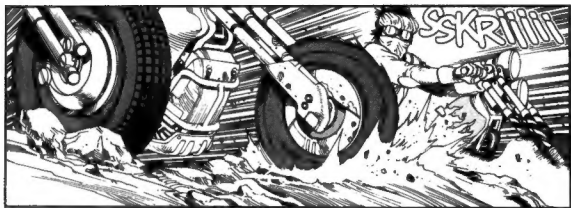




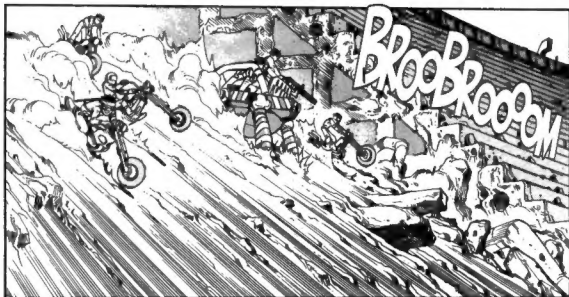
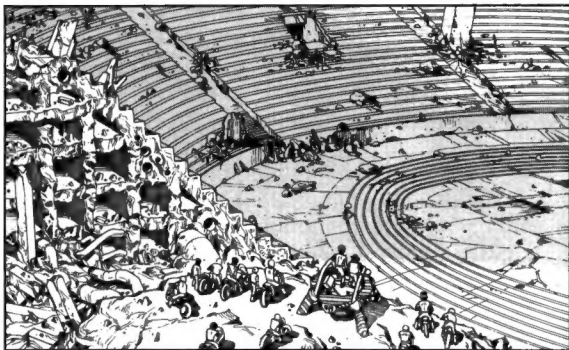














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